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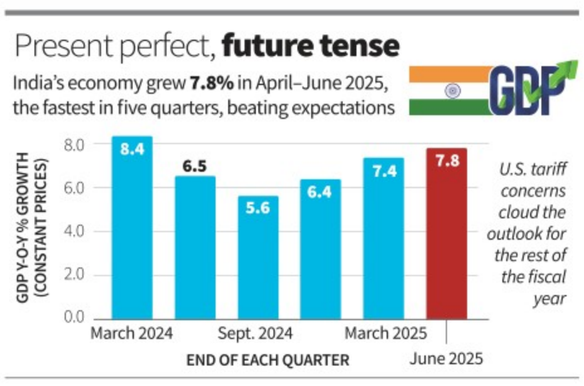
GDP growth quickens to five-quarter high of 7.8%

Manufacturing, construction, and services sectors propel growth, defying RBI predictions; the momentum will continue, says CEA Anantha Nageswaran, seeking to allay fears over U.S. tariffs

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

India's economic growth rate in the first quarter (April-June) of the current financial year quickened to a five-quarter high of 7.8%, driven by strong performances by sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and services, government data showed.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, as shown by data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Friday, was previously quicker during January-March 2024. The 7.8% growth recorded in Q1 of this financial year was higher than the 6.5% predicted by the Reserve Bank of India as recently as August 6.



The government also sought to ease worries about growth slowing in the coming quarters as a result of the 50% tariffs imposed by the U.S. on its imports from India. "We do see the momentum continuing," Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran said during a press briefing following the release of the data.

"But we do expect the impact on demand to be of a very modest nature," Mr. Nageswaran added. "Overall aggregate demand growth in the economy should hold up specifically because of the government's decision to lower the indirect tax rates."

The CEA also expressed confidence that the temporary dip in consumer demand in the run-up to the GST Council meeting would reverse itself well before the festival season.

"There will be some impact on domestic spending because of uncertainties in the export sectors, which are affected because of exposure to the U.S.."

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Rupee crashes to an all-time low of 88.09 against USD

MUMBAI
Rupee fell to ₹88.09 against the U.S. dollar, responding to the additional tariffs imposed by the U.S. The domestic currency may depreciate further to ₹89.5-₹90 in the coming weeks, analysts said. » PAGE 17

PM vows India will become 3rd largest economy, weeks after Trump's 'dead' swipe

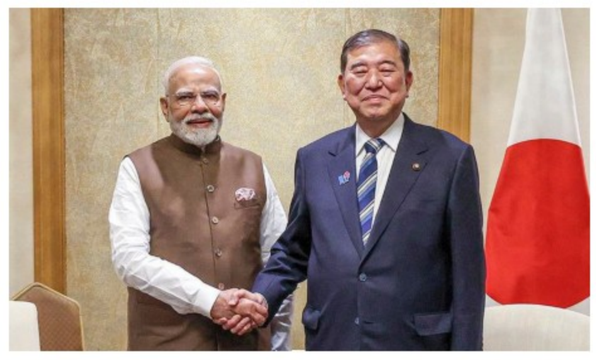
Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of trade-related uncertainties with the United States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday made a strong case for investing in India, declaring that the Indian economy will "very soon" be the third largest economy in the world.

Addressing the India-Japan Economic Forum in Tokyo, Mr. Modi said that most Japanese companies find India attractive, adding that India is a "springboard" to access the Global South. Welcoming the visiting Indian Prime Minister, Japan announced a private investment target of ¥10 trillion for India over the next decade.

"Japanese companies have invested more than $40 billion in India. In the last two years alone, there has been private investment of $13 billion. JBIC (Japan Bank of International Cooperation) says India is the most 'promising' destination. JETRO (Japan External Trade Organisation) says 80% of companies want to expand in India, and 75% are already profitable," the Prime Minister said. "Which means, in India, capital does not just grow, it multiplies."

On July 31, Mr. Trump had criticised India for its high tariffs and cited its purchases of Russian crude as his main reason for imposing the additional penalty tariff. He said: "I don't care what India does with Russia. They can take their dead economies down together." India had subsequently described the U.S. penalty tariffs on India as "unreasonable".



Narendra Modi with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba during the India-Japan Economic Forum in Tokyo on Friday. PTI

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Eight States propose a cess on sin, luxury goods above GST rate

Nistula Hebbar
T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

In the run-up to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting on September 3 and 4, a group of eight States have proposed a cess to be levied on sin and luxury goods over and above the proposed 40% GST rate, in a bid to protect the States' revenues.

Without such a cess, the revenue losses from the Centre's proposed rate rationalisation, which they estimated as at least 15%, would "drastically" hamper their expenditure on development, they warned.

The Centre has proposed removing the 12% and 28% tax slabs and moving the vast majority of items in these slabs to 5% and 18%, respectively. It has also proposed a 40% rate for a few sin and luxury items.

The Finance Ministers of Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and West Bengal met in New Delhi on Friday and drafted a note, accessed by *The Hindu*, in which they laid out their concerns and proposals. The note will be submitted to the GST Council when it meets.

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Washed away

Desperate search: NDRF personnel conduct a rescue operation in a cloudburst-hit village in Bageshwar district of Uttarakhand. Five persons died and 11 are missing after torrential rain wreaked havoc in several parts of the State on Friday. PTI (REPORT ON PAGE 16)

Bihar SIR: SC to hear plea to extend claims deadline to Sept. 15

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear pleas from political parties, including the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation, seeking an extension of the September 1 deadline to file claims and objections to the draft electoral roll published during the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar.

The parties have urged the court to direct the Election Commission (EC) to extend the last date to September 15 to provide more time for excluded voters who can now submit claims using their Aadhaar cards, as well as those hit by severe floods. The court will hear the plea on September 8.

The oral mentioning was made before a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant by advocates Prashant Bhushan and Neha Rathi, appearing for petitioner NGO Association for Democratic Reforms.

Increase in claims

The parties argued that claims have increased significantly over the last week. "Since the last order of the Supreme Court on August 22 permitting the filing of claims along with Aadhaar card, the number of claims have doubled from 84,305 on August 22 to 1,78,948 electors on August 27 in only five days. However, across districts, there are many instances where officers have refused to accept the claims only with the Aadhaar card," the RJD submitted.

The CPI(M-L) said booth-level officers (BLOs) were insisting on the submission of Form 6, though the form is meant for new voters or those transferred from one constituency to another.

The RJD said claims and Aadhaar cards collected by its booth-level agents (BLAs) and submitted to BLOs are acknowledged, but they don't reflect in the EC's daily status report. "This is to start a wrong narrative that the BLAs of political parties are not cooperating and filing claims," it said.

The party added that it had tried to counter the EC's "narrative" by posting the BLOs' acknowledgements on social media on August 25.

A booth-level officer checks documents during Bihar SIR in July. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Border districts account for most EC notices

NEW DELHI
As the Election Commission started issuing notices this week to voters in Bihar whose documents have not been found satisfactory during the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, officials told *The Hindu* that most of these cases have been identified in border districts of the State. » PAGE 15

Property registration fee doubled in State from 1% to 2%

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Property registrations in Karnataka are all set to get dearer from this weekend. The State government on Friday doubled the registration fee for all properties from 1% to 2%.

This move comes in the context of the Department of Stamps and Registrations falling severely short of revenue targets both in 2024-25 and the first quarter of 2025-26.

The State used to levy a stamp duty of 5% of the guidance value of a property, 1% registration fee, 0.5% cess and 0.1% surcharge, adding up to 6.6%.

With the registration fee now doubling to 2%, the total fee payable for any property transaction is 7.6% from August 31, Sunday.

The move comes after the Department of Stamps and Registrations fell short of revenue targets both in 2024-25 and the first quarter of 2025-26. FILE PHOTO

Mullai Muhilan M.P., Inspector-General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps, Karnataka, told *The Hindu* that despite this hike, the total fee payable for any property transaction in Karnataka is among the lowest among all neighbouring States in South India. For instance, in Tamil Nadu it is 11%, he said.

The government order issued on Friday also doubled the registration fee for Joint Development Agreements (JDA) and General Power of Attorney (GPA) for JDAs from 1% to 2%. The impact of this is expected to be big, as these are usually large parcels of land and will impact the real estate sector dear.

The realty sector has been slow for multiple quarters now. As against an initial revenue target of ₹26,000 crore, the department collected only ₹22,500 crore in 2024-25 and in the first quarter that ended on June 30 the Department has fallen back by 35% against the proportional target for the year, set at an ambitious ₹28,000 crore.

Criticism from builders

Builders blame this on the e-Khata mandate for property transactions which they term a "bottleneck", among other factors. They argue that doubling registration fee is not the answer to missing revenue targets.

While there was a proposal to increase the stamp duty by 1%, following a performance review meeting of the Department of Stamps and Registrations chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in June earlier this year, the decision was taken to hike registration fee by 1%. Karnataka continues to be one of the few States to impose a lower stamp duty of less than 6%.

Asked what is the additional revenue expected through this hike, Mr. Muhilan said they were working towards achieving the revenue target set, but did not put a number to it.

Thrift under threat: *unpacking* modern-day Test fast-bowling

Today's quicks are taking fewer balls to snare wickets, but are conceding more runs per over. The challenges for young pacers in an era of T20-influenced batters are profound. They can equip themselves better, however, by refining their control to complement their other qualities

Vivek Krishnan

An eclectic array of traits resided in the great fast bowlers that graced Test cricket in years gone by.

Malcolm Marshall, Dale Steyn and Dennis Lillee swung the ball at searing pace. Glenn McGrath, Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh extracted steep bounce with their towering frames. Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis developed a penchant for detonating the stumps with reverse swing. Allan Donald and Michael Holding, poetry in motion with their rhythmic run-ups and high-arm actions, possessed a deadly mix of hostile velocity and venomous bounce. James Anderson was a masterful exponent of swing, given to moving the red cherry either way with subtle changes in wrist and seam position.

The total package

While examining their greatness, what didn't need underlining was the immaculate control and consistency that came with the package. It may be because harping on an aspect that requires an uncompromising work ethic rather than innate talent is a tad prosaic, but separating the very best from the rest is often this ability to produce one good delivery after another. For, wickets over a lengthy career in the longest format are largely earned through the accumulation of dot balls and maiden overs, coercing batters into making mistakes under pressure that they otherwise wouldn't.

> I think potentially there is a change in bowling mindset. There's a lot more T20 cricket and bowlers are probably looking to bowl different deliveries
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> **GLENN MCGRATH**

The unfolding of events during the recent fifth Test at The Oval is a pertinent example. England seemed to be cruising in its fourth-innings chase of 374, with Harry Brook and Joe Root marching along merrily at more than five runs per over. India looked bereft of ideas.

Then in a trice, with Brook departing to a rash stroke for 111, the match turned on its head. Suddenly a series of tight overs were strung together, and the 70-odd runs that were required at the time of Brook's exit appeared like a whole lot more. Even the well-set Root, who brought up his 39th Test hundred, and the flamboyant Jamie Smith seemed unsure of where the next run would come from when the pressure mounted, and eventually the Englishmen crumbled.

In a series where bat dominated ball – more than 7,000 runs and 21 centuries were logged by the two teams – such phases where runs were at a premium were minimal. While Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj for India and Ben Stokes and Chris Woakes for England were able to offer consistency, the inexperience of the younger lot – particularly Prasidh Krishna and Josh Tongue – showed up with a proclivity to stray from the ideal line and length. So much so that some experts have wondered whether contemporary fast bowlers have simply lost the old-school knack of repeatedly landing the red cherry on a desired spot.

Akram was of that view on the recent 'Stick to Cricket' podcast. "Nowadays, bowlers for some odd reason can't just hit that length consistently in Test cricket. They try too many things," the former Pakistan left-armer grumbled.

There is no shortage of skill with the likes of Prasidh and Tongue, but do they perhaps just operate with a different mindset? McGrath, whose modus operandi in the five-day game revolved around his unremitting accuracy, seems to think so.

> The most important part of being a bowler is still to have that control, accuracy and consistency. Having control is about bowling the ball exactly where you want to, whatever delivery that is
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> **MCGRATH**

"I think potentially there is a change in bowling mindset," McGrath told *The Hindu* over the phone. "There's a lot more T20 cricket and bowlers are probably looking to bowl different deliveries. And you look at the recent series, the England batters do come quite hard. They're quite aggressive. And you know, bowlers sometimes let that impact their bowling."

No dearth of greatness

To be clear, there is no dearth of great quicks in the modern age. In Bumrah, Kagiso Rabada, Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins, there are certainly five as good as the game has entertained. And although Starc is prone to the odd wayward spell, the others can count consistency and adherence to the fundamental tenets of the craft among their virtues.

But with the approach of batters veering more and more towards aggression owing to the influence of T20s, the broad impression seems to be that a majority of bowlers are increasingly conditioned to altering their lines and lengths as a default response to an attacking shot.

"But the thing that always amazes me, look at two of the best T20 bowlers," McGrath pointed out. "One is Hazlewood and the other one is Bumrah. What lengths do they bowl at the start? They still bowl that good Test length, hitting the top of off-stump. So, it is still a really tough ball. I just think bowlers need to work more on their consistency and a bit more on their patience."

The numbers offer fascinating insight on the changing dynamics. Of the 10 pacers with the best strike-rates (minimum 200 wickets) in the game's history, five – Rabada, Bumrah, Cummins, Starc and Mohammed Shami – actually belong to the current generation. Among them, Bumrah and Cummins also have exceptional economy rates – 2.78 and 2.88 respectively.

If we delve into decade-wise data since the phasing out of uncovered pitches in the late 1960s, it is apparent that today's quicks are taking fewer deliveries to snare wickets. For the periods entailing 1970-79, 1980-89, 1990-99 and 2000-09, the strike-rates of the fast men ranged between 62 and 68. In the period from 2010 to 2019, it dropped to 59.1. And in the last five years, there has been a further, rather substantial, dip to 52.3. At the same time, however, the economy-rates have risen. If they conceded 3.12 runs per over from 2010 to 2019, the corresponding figure is 3.26 since 2020, nearly a 4.5% increase.

Multiple factors, of course, are at play. With World Test Championship points at stake since 2019, teams have tended to prioritise bowler-friendly, result-oriented pitches. By virtue of batters taking more risks, there are also more wicket-taking opportunities on offer.

In such circumstances, the underlying significance of accuracy in prising out breakthroughs may not be readily appreciated, but McGrath's wisdom ought to be tapped into.

"The most important part of being a bowler is still to have that control, accuracy and consistency. It doesn't matter which format you're playing," the Australian, who devotes considerable time to training youngsters at the MRF Pace Foundation in Chennai, stressed.

Bowling's essence

The 55-year-old went on to highlight that control isn't simply about targeting the 6-8 metre band, otherwise known as the good length, on a pitch.

"Having control is about bowling the ball exactly where you want to bowl it, whatever delivery that is," he said. "If you want to bowl a slower ball, you want to deliver it as well as you can. If you want to bowl a yorker, you want to bowl it as accurately as you can. Same with the bouncer. If you have that control, you can bowl to a plan." It is surely important to recognise that the challenges are profound for young pacers against ultra-aggressive batters. But if they can find a way to refine their control and consistency to complement their other traits, as McGrath argues, it will stand them in good stead. Just as it has for the greats of the game.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	24	11,480	17
2	Carlos Alcaraz	22	9,590	20
3	Alexander Zverev	28	6,230	23
4	Taylor Fritz	27	5,575	22
5	Jack Draper	23	4,440	17
6	Ben Shelton	22	4,280	23
7	Novak Djokovic	38	4,130	19
8	Alex de Minaur	26	3,545	23
9	Karen Khachanov	29	3,240	25
10	Lorenzo Musetti	23	3,205	20
11	Holger Rune	22	3,050	22
12	Casper Ruud	26	2,905	23
13	Daniil Medvedev	29	2,760	22
14	Tommy Paul	28	2,610	21
15	Andrey Rublev	27	2,610	28

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 293 ▲ 6 spots

Aryan Shah
Rank 399 ▼ 7 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	11,225	18
2	Iga Swiatek	24	7,933	16
3	Coco Gauff	21	7,874	19
4	Jessica Pegula	31	4,903	22
5	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,733	19
6	Madison Keys	30	4,699	19
7	Qinwen Zheng	22	4,433	18
8	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,116	19
9	Amanda Anisimova	23	3,869	21
10	Elena Rybakina	26	3,663	21
11	Emma Navarro	24	2,960	26
12	Ekaterina Alexandrova	30	2,916	25
13	Karolina Muchova	29	2,838	16
14	Clara Tauson	22	2,781	24
15	Elina Svitolina	30	2,726	15

Top Indians ▶

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty
Rank 331 ▲ 5 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 346 ▲ 4 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	284	6
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	275	5
3	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	187	2
4	George Russell	Mercedes	172	1
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	151	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	109	0
7	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	64	0
8	Alexander Albon	Williams	54	0
9	Nico Hulkenberg	Sauber	37	0
10	Esteban Ocon	Haas	27	0
11	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	26	0
12	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	26	0
13	Isack Hadjar	Racing Bulls	22	0
14	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	20	0
15	Liam Lawson	Racing Bulls	20	0
16	Carlos Sainz	Williams	16	0
17	Gabriel Bortoleto	Sauber	14	0
18	Yuki Tsunoda	Red Bull	10	0
19	Oliver Bearman	Haas	8	0
20	Franco Colapinto	Alpine	0	0

Oscar Piastri

Lando Norris

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	559	11
2	Ferrari	260	0
3	Mercedes	236	1
4	Red Bull	194	2
5	Williams	70	0
6	Aston Martin	52	0
7	Kick Sauber	51	0
8	RB	45	0
9	Haas	35	0
10	Alpine	20	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	1,02,317	12
2	Anders Antonsen	93,153	16
3	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	89,179	18
4	Li Shi Feng	81,078	18
5	Jonatan Christie	76,514	16
6	Chou Tien Chen	75,469	23
7	Alex Lanier	67,821	15
8	Kodai Naraoka	64,134	19
9	Loh Kean Yew	63,319	16
10	Christo Popov	62,217	18
11	Lu Guang Zu	61,860	18
12	Lin Chun-Yi	57,340	16
13	Lee Cheuk Yiu	56,642	19
14	Kenta Nishimoto	56,292	22
15	Toma Junior Popov	55,051	18

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 21

Ayush Shetty
Rank 32

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	1,10,120	12
2	Wang Zhi Yi	1,06,862	17
3	Han Yue	91,000	17
4	Chen Yu Fei	82,385	12
5	Akane Yamaguchi	81,284	13
6	Pornpawee Chochuwong	69,708	20
7	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	65,960	13
8	Tomoka Miyazaki	65,364	21
9	Putri Kusuma Wardani	63,600	18
10	Ratchanok Intanon	62,464	18
11	Supanida Katethong	60,527	13
12	Sim Yu Jin	58,309	16
13	Yeo Jia Min	57,543	15
14	Gao Fang Jie	56,130	12
15	P.V. Sindhu	51,634	16

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 15

Malvika Bansod
Rank 29

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	908	932
2	Harry Brook	868	898
3	Kane Williamson	858	919
4	Steve Smith	816	947
5	Yashasvi Jaiswal	792	858
6	Temba Bavuma	790	806
7	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
8	Rishabh Pant	768	801
9	Daryl Mitchell	748	807
10	Ben Duckett	747	787

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	889	908
2	Kagiso Rabada	851	902
3	Matt Henry	846	846
4	Pat Cummins	838	914
5	Josh Hazlewood	815	864
6	Noman Ali	806	806
7	Scott Boland	784	784
8	Nathan Lyon	769	812
9	Marco Jansen	767	803
10	Mitchell Starc	766	807

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	784	847
2	Rohit Sharma	756	882
3	Babar Azam	739	898
4	Virat Kohli	736	909
5	Daryl Mitchell	720	751
6	Charith Asalanka	719	725
7	Harry Tector	708	767
8	Shreyas Iyer	704	710
9	Shai Hope	699	802
10	Ibrahim Zadran	676	693

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	671	741
1	Maheesh Theekshana	671	686
3	Kuldeep Yadav	650	761
4	Bernard Scholtz	644	648
5	Rashid Khan	640	799
6	Mitchell Santner	637	657
7	Matt Henry	622	691
8	Wanindu Hasaranga	619	619
9	Ravindra Jadeja	616	733
10	Gudakesh Motie	605	699

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	829	829
2	Tilak Varma	804	845
3	Philip Salt	791	881
4	Jos Buttler	772	774
5	Travis Head	771	885
6	Suryakumar Yadav	739	912
7	Pathum Nissanka	736	736
8	Tim Seifert	725	727
9	Tim David	676	680
10	Yashasvi Jaiswal	673	781

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jacob Duffy	717	723
2	Adil Rashid	710	747
3	Akeal Hosein	707	714
4	Varun Chakravarthy	706	706
5	Adam Zampa	700	746
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	679	809
7	Ravi Bishnoi	674	707
8	Rashid Khan	664	828
9	Nathan Ellis	658	664
10	Arshdeep Singh	653	679

Despite tariff revision, BWSSB suffers 25% revenue deficit every month

The board now looks to plug leaks, cut down operational costs and diversify its revenue sources

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Despite the recent tariff hike, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is still not able to break even through its own sources of revenue to sustain even the operational costs. Data shows the board is still operating at 25% revenue deficit, not accounting for debt repayment and depreciation.

Responding to a question raised by Shantinagar Congress MLA and Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) chairman N.A. Haris in the Assembly during the recently concluded legislature session, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar revealed that the BWSSB incurs a monthly operational expenditure of ₹239.40 crore, of which more than half is energy bills, pegged at ₹124 crore. These operational expenses are all set to go up as more properties start to avail water and sewage connections under Cauvery V Stage.

After 11 years, BWSSB recently revised its tariff up to 1 paise per litre for domestic and up to 1.9 paise per litre for commercial connections, a 25% hike in sewage charges, and a significant hike in sanitary charges for borewells and wells. Before this hike, BWSSB's revenue from all sources put together was around ₹138 crore to ₹139 crore per month. Following the tariff revision, it is now pegged in the range of ₹180 crore to ₹182 crore.

This means the board is still operating at a revenue deficit of around 25% every month, around ₹60 crore a month, adding up to ₹720 crore annually.

The BWSSB is further working to diversify its revenue sources, especially trying to sell treated water. Though the sale of treated water picked up significantly in the summer of 2024, it has fallen after the water crisis ended. FILE PHOTO

One of the ways BWSSB is trying to gain financial sustainability is by trying to plug leakages. At present, Unaccounted for Water (UfW) is pegged at 28%. The board is working towards bringing it down further aggressively and has been taking up works to replace old pipelines and use technology to find leakages, Ramprasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB said. Meanwhile, the board has recently launched special drives to recover arrears pegged at around ₹395 crore, of which half is from commercial buildings and industries and the remaining half from government departments and institutions - both State and Centre - data provided Mr. Shivakumar in the Assembly shows.

BWSSB has been working on installing solar panels on its properties and transitioning into using solar power to reduce its energy bills.

Fact sheet

Monthly expenditure: ₹239.4 crore (excluding repayment of debt and accounting for depreciation which amounts to another ₹100 crore monthly)

Monthly revenue before tariff revision: ₹138 crore - ₹139 crore

Monthly revenue after tariff revision: ₹180 Cr. - ₹182 Cr.

Pending	Number of connections	Arrears (in ₹crore)
State govt. dept. and other institutions	676	100.33
Commercial buildings	41,493	148.17
Central govt. dept.	195	29.91
Defence dept.	46	41.55
Industries	1,367	50.31
BBMP	488	24.71
Total	44,265	394.98

Diversification

BWSSB is further working to diversify its revenue sources, especially trying to sell treated water, Dr. Manohar said.

Though the sale of treated water picked up significantly in the summer of 2024 during a water crisis, it has fallen after tiding over the crisis. BWSSB has been trying to create a market for treated water. The board has recently come up with a proposal to incentivise bulk users who adopt dual piping and use treated water for non-potable purposes.The proposal is yet to be ratified by the board.

Meanwhile, BWSSB is working towards producing Compressed Biogas (CBG) at its Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and market the sludge as manure.

Water conservation activist S. Vishwanath said that it is important to make BWSSB financially self-sustaining. "As a first step, tariff revision should become an annual exercise like power tariff revision and should not be left undisturbed for a decade, like the last time. The board should look at expanding the market for treated water and should monetise commercial exploitation of ground water. The law allows for metering borewells dug for commercial purposes with a fee of ₹5 per kilo litre fixed. This is not being implemented . BWSSB needs to be made in-charge of groundwater in the city and those who commercially exploit ground water should be made to pay a royalty to the government, and that money should be credited to BWSSB," he argued.

BSWML issues show-cause notices to waste contractors

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

Irregular attendance, delayed starting of waste collection, and functioning without the required capacity are among the lapses cited

In an effort to bring discipline to waste collection and transportation in the city, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has begun identifying irregularities in ward-level operations and issuing show-cause notices to waste collection contractors.

Irregular attendance, delayed commencement of waste collection, and functioning without the required capacity are among the lapses cited in the show-cause notices reviewed by *The Hindu*.

More than five contractors were served notices on August 21 and 22, according to official documents. Karee Gowda, Chief Executive Officer of BSWML, confirmed the issuance of these notices.

The cited problems include irregular attendance during mustering, absence of waste collection tippers in some wards, irregular attendance of drivers and helpers, and more seriously, drivers operating without valid driving licences.

The notices also highlight the failure of contractors to provide basic safety gears such as gloves, aprons, and boots. Contractors were also pulled up for poor maintenance of vehicles, broken announcement systems, failure to use speakers during waste collection, and bringing in pre-loaded vehicles at the time of mustering.

The BSWML has sought explanations for these lapses within seven days.

According to Mr. Gowda, the decision to issue notices was taken to streamline work processes, particularly in terms of timings and punctuality, across the wards.

Mr. Gowda, who was recently transferred to BSWML, replaced K. Harish Kumar following the Swachh Survekshan survey in which Bengaluru underperformed in cleanliness rankings. A source told *The Hindu* that the government pinned responsibility for the poor performance on BSWML's mismanagement of the city's waste.

and transportation.

As part of corrective measures, the BSWML advanced the mustering time from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. and directed vehicles to begin waste collection at 6:30 a.m. This move, while intended to make waste disposal more convenient for the public, was also aimed at enforcing discipline among contractors. In addition, Mr. Gowda has ordered that all vehicles share their live location in a common group.

Court bars media from publishing defamatory content

DHARMASTHALA CASE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A city civil and sessions court has passed mandatory injunction against hundreds of individuals and several media platforms, including print, television, digital and social media, from transmitting and telecasting "false, reckless, baseless and defamatory videos and other contents" against Harshendra Kumar D., his family members, including his elder brother D. Veerendra Heggade of Dharmasthala temple, and their institutions in connection with the "mass burial" case.

Anitha M., judge of the 17th Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, passed the interim order on August 28 after hearing a fresh suit, filed by plaintiff Mr. Kumar, based on a recent direction issued by the Supreme Court.

The judge watched videos, uploaded on various digital and social media platforms against Mr. Kumar and others as reports on mass burial allegations, played on laptop in the open court by the plaintiff's advocate S. Rajashekar.

Case background

Mr. Kumar had filed the suit on July 18 seeking *ex parte* temporary injunctions against 338 defendants. The civil court on July 18 had passed an *ex parte* temporary injunction restraining 338 defendants and even any "unknown persons" from publishing defamatory contents against Mr. Kumar and others, besides ordering removal and de-indexing of 8,842 weblinks that allegedly contained defamatory contents against Mr. Kumar and his family members and their institutions.

However, a YouTube channel, *Third Eye*, questioned this *ex parte* order before the Supreme Court, which asked the channel to first approach the High Court.

Later, another YouTube channel, Mangaluru-based *Kudla Rampage*, filed a petition before the High Court against the July 18 injunction by the civil court.

What HC said

The High Court, in its August 1 verdict, set aside the civil court's injunction and remitted the matter back to civil court by pointing out that *ex parte* injunction order "lacked the foundational reason required for grant of such extraordinary relief as an *ex parte* interim injunction".

Mr. Kumar challenged the High Court's order before the apex court, which on August 8 asked the civil court to consider the plea for injunction afresh within two weeks without being influenced by any observation made by the High Court.

Two petitions submitted to women's commission

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The Karnataka State Women's Commission received two petitions on Friday related to the Dharmasthala case, once from the BJP and another from women's rights activists.

The Opposition BJP petitioned against the alleged remarks of social activist Girish Mattannavar that women who get married at Dharmasthala are being sexually harassed.

Meanwhile, another petition was submitted by a delegation of women's rights activists also who sought that "culprits behind the disappearance, rape and murders of women in Dharmasthala" should be brought to book. The collective also announced the launch of a statewide campaign demanding justice for women and girls who have alleged "disappeared" from the region over the past four decades.

The BJP delegation, led by its Bengaluru North Vice-President Kaveri Kedarnath, on Friday appealed to the commission to conduct an inquiry into the alleged statements of Mr. Mattannavar and also direct the jurisdictional police to register a criminal case against him.

'Baseless, malicious'

Mr. Girish Mattananavar has publicly alleged that women who are married at Dharmasthala are subjected to sexual assault and heinous crimes.

The BJP petition called Mr. Mattannavar's statement baseless and malicious.

"He has made sweeping claims suggesting that newly wed brides are exploited, which is an outrageous and unfounded allegation intended to sensationalize," said Ms. Kedarnath in the petition.

On the other hand, the petition by the women's rights activists expressed concern over several developments after the formation of SIT to look into alleged mass burial cases in the region.

Stating that "prejudicial public statements by senior Ministers and protests by political parties are undermining the neutrality of the SIT", they demanded that it should "comprehensively investigate cases that have occurred over the past 20 years."

Campus Farmers' Market organised in city

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BENGALURU

The Institution Innovation Council of Kristu Jayanti (deemed to be university) on Friday organised the Campus Farmers' Market - vegetable and fruits mela as part of the Government of India's Viksit Bharat @ 2047 initiative.

The event also aligned with the One District One Product scheme under the Make in India programme.

Third year

The initiative, now in its third year, focuses on sourcing produce directly from farmers, removing intermediaries to ensure fair pricing and access to fresh produce.

This year's market featured collaborations with Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) from Chitradurga, Vijapura, Chintamani, and Greenkraft Producer Company Limited.

The Women Empowerment Cell of the university participated by organising stalls with snacks, flowers, and handmade products, in partnership with the Campus Farmers' Market.

NMIT Bengaluru to host 15th convocation ceremony today

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Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology (NMIT), Bengaluru, will celebrate its 15th graduation day for the outgoing batch of 2025 on Saturday, on its campus at Govindapura, Yelahanka, at 10.45 a.m.

S.M. Shivaprasad, dean and professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Dharwad, and scientist at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, will be the chief guest.

N.V. Hegde, president of Nitte Education Trust and Chancellor of Nitte University, Mangaluru, will preside over the ceremony.

BLR Design Centre to launch public reference library with books on the city

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BENGALURU

BLR Design Centre, a collaborative workspace on Church Street, will launch 'BLR Reads', a public reference library and multimedia archive at the centre on Saturday.

Through the initiative, the centre, run by MOD Foundation – an interdisciplinary urban research and action institute – aims to bring together books, maps, films, photographs, and oral histories related to Bengaluru's design and planning, thereby making those more accessible.

Focus on design

"BLR Design Centre is a place where we talk about the ongoing problems that the city is facing in terms of infrastructure, traffic, culture, and other aspects," said Greeshma S., programme manager, BLR Design Centre. "It's run by MOD Foundation, which works on projects that help Bengaluru become a better city. We've been doing a lot of things that affect the city, and having talks, workshops, and exhibitions in this space regarding the same," she added.

The library is expected to serve students, researchers, designers, policymakers, and citizens. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As part of this, the centre began collecting archival maps, books, academic texts, journals, planning documents, maps, photographs, other visual material, and newsletters related to Bengaluru.

Today, it houses more than 500 of these, focused on the city's urban history, culture, and development, alongside architecture, urban design, and public-private design.

With the launch of the library, these will be made open to the public. A dedicated design-focused reference library, it is expected to serve students, researchers, designers, policymakers, and citizens, and serve as a space for collaboration, thematic networking, and knowledge creation around issues that shape the city.

Exhibition

The library will be launched with an exhibition titled 'Re:Reading Bangalore', which will feature books, films, songs, artwork, and research projects. The event will include two talks and one workshop on August 30 and 31.

The library will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Membership plans for students, individuals, and institutions will also be available.

Bidding adieu

With care: BBMP workers immersing a Ganesha idol at Sankey Tank in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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Why Tottenham may have struck gold with Thomas Frank signing

The 51-year-old Dane has proven he can outwit pedigreed managers and nullify top sides. The robustness of his coaching style — not to mention his ability to develop players — suggests his methods are sustainable. Although it's a small sample, the early signs from Spurs' perfect start to the Premier League season are encouraging

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Tottenham Hotspur chairman Daniel Levy had a complicated decision to make after the 2024-25 season. Coach Ange Postecoglou had just secured the club's first silverware in 17 years, but the team had also endured a dreadful Premier League campaign. Would the Europa League triumph outweigh a 17th-place finish, Tottenham's worst since it was relegated in 1976-77?

Faced with an "emotionally difficult" choice, Levy was ruthless and sacked Postecoglou. He appointed former Brentford boss Thomas Frank as the north London club's fifth full-time manager in six years and the 13th since Levy became chairman over 25 years ago.

Matching Mourinho, Conte

Just two games into the 2025-26 Premier League season, the decision appears to be making a lot of sense. Tottenham has had the perfect launch, beating Burnley 3-0 before outmanoeuvring heavy-hitter Manchester City 2-0. With the City win, Frank became just the third manager to get the better of a Pep Guardiola team away in the league with two different sides after Jose Mourinho (Real Madrid and Manchester United) and Antonio Conte (Chelsea and Spurs).

Frank, who had also guided Brentford to a 2-1 victory at City in 2022, set Tottenham up in a manner that made life very difficult for a club that has won six Premier League crowns under Guardiola. Frank's side was physical in duels, co-ordinated in a stifling press that discomfited City custodian James Trafford, and compact when forced into a defensive block.

Guardiola, who rates Frank's coaching ability highly, praised the Dane's early work with Spurs on the training ground. "We didn't react well to the marking and the pressing," he said, "because Thomas does it and it happens. We knew it."

> Defensive principles and mentality are the key things. Clean sheets make me very happy... because if you get clean sheets you're closer to winning a game

Spurs had let a two-goal lead slip late on against PSG to lose the UEFA Super Cup in Frank's first game in charge, but rarely looked in danger of suffering a similar fate against City.

"From every game you learn and games where you don't get the result you learn even more," said Frank. "I definitely believe in the aggressive press. I believe in being front-footed. I like that mentality, it's a more offensive way of defending. It's more fun to defend in the opponents' half. So, yeah, let's go for it. Defensive principles and mentality are the key things. We need this mentality to win games like this.

"The clean sheet makes me very happy. It's a big thing we've been working on, the defensive side of the game, high pressure, middle block, low block, blocking shots, everything, because if you get clean sheets you're closer to winning a game."

Frank's coaching philosophy diverges significantly from Postecoglou's gung-ho style. Spurs often played very entertaining football under Postecoglou, scoring a lot, but also conceding a lot.

The Australian manager's refusal to adapt his methods to the opposition – he did, however, show a more pragmatic side during the Europa League campaign, especially in the final against Manchester United – made him a polarising figure.

Postecoglou's "it's just who we are, mate" was seen as a badge of defiance; equally, it was viewed as obstinacy the club couldn't afford. Frank, on the other hand, has a reputation of being a flexible tactician, catering to the strengths of his side but also to those of the opponent.

Asked about the difference between the two managers, forward Brennan Johnson said, "They are two different coaches. A lot of detail goes into the set-pieces, but at the same time he [Frank] gives us a lot of attacking freedom."

Punching above his weight

Frank's tenure at Brentford, where he coached the side to constantly punch above its weight, offered glimpses of just how good he was. After taking charge in 2018, he led the London club to the top flight for the first time in 74 years and kept a squad built on a limited budget in mid-table territory in the Premier League, a considerable achievement.

Frank's strategic acumen and in-game shrewdness earned the respect of rival managers while his ability to improve players, especially those of a lower profile or those who had not performed at other clubs, made others want to come play for him. Indeed, this quality attracted Spurs' signings this season, midfielder Joao Palhinha and winger Mohammed Kudus.

In his short time at Spurs, Frank has already convinced the squad to buy into his vision. He was able to deploy a 3-5-2 to counteract PSG's wide men and false nine, and just as easily switch to two different versions of the 4-3-3 in the Premier League, with the more defensive variant being employed against City. Known as a clear communicator and an understanding man-manager, the 51-year-old has also shown he won't tolerate tardiness.

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He dropped midfielder Yves Bissouma, saying "Bissouma has been late several times and now this time, it was one too many. With everything, you need to give your players a lot of love but also have demands and have consequences. And this was the consequence of that."

While the early signs are encouraging, it must be noted that the sample is very small. Postecoglou had an excellent start that lasted longer – Spurs won eight of their first ten games under him in 2023-24 – and he, too, beat Guardiola at City, a 4-0 drubbing last season no less. Frank's methods do appear more robust and sustainable, better suited to achieving consistency over a long season. But in the cut-throat Premier League, he will have to repeatedly prove it.

Frank will need the club's support to bolster a squad that has been weakened by playmaker James Maddison's injury and talisman Son Heung-min's departure. Indeed, Tottenham's fine start has contrasted with supporters' frustration at the club's dealings in the transfer market.

Eberechi Eze's proposed move from Crystal Palace collapsed when the player decided to join north London rival Arsenal. An earlier attempt to sign Morgan Gibbs-White had fizzled out, the attacking midfielder, in a stunning U-turn, extending his contract with Nottingham Forest.

Slight gamble?

With the club also competing in the Champions League this season, Frank does have his work cut out. In that sense, it's a slight gamble from Spurs. The Dane has not experienced European nights and has never won a top-flight trophy in his managerial career.

But Tottenham has had Conte and Mourinho at the helm for spells, and even those elite managers found it tough to lead the club to success. Frank has proven he can step up levels, outwit pedigreed managers, and coach his teams to nullify big clubs. He now has the opportunity to add to an impressive managerial catalogue and showcase what he can do on the biggest stage. He certainly won't shrink from the challenge.

GAME THEORY

Beating Pep Guardiola

Pep Guardiola is one of the greatest managers in club football history. He has built an extremely impressive record handling the reins of heavyweights in Spain, Germany and England.

But, as last weekend's defeat to Thomas Frank's Tottenham showed, he isn't infallible. So this week, we take a look at the managers with the most wins against Guardiola-coached sides:

Most wins against Guardiola (all competitions)

Manager	Matches	Won	Win%
Jurgen Klopp	30	12	40.00%
Jose Mourinho	25	7	28.00%
Carlo Ancelotti	14	6	42.86%
Mauricio Pochettino	25	4	16.00%
Mikel Arteta	14	4	28.57%
Nuno Espirito Santo	12	4	33.33%
Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	9	4	44.44%
Antonio Conte	7	4	57.14%
Arsene Wenger	14	3	21.43%
Thomas Tuchel	12	3	25.00%
Thomas Frank	9	3	33.33%
Luis Enrique	5	3	60.00%
Unai Emery	17	2	11.76%
Manuel Pellegrini	14	2	14.29%
Brendan Rodgers	11	2	18.18%
Dieter Hecking	8	2	25.00%
Markus Weinzierl	7	2	28.57%
Erik ten Hag	7	2	28.57%
Ange Postecoglou	6	2	33.33%
Ruben Amorim	5	2	40.00%
Arne Slot	2	2	100.00%

Jurgen Klopp

Jose Mourinho

Carlo Ancelotti

Antonio Conte

Luis Enrique

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Italian start

The Vuelta a Espana — the final Grand Tour event this year — started outside Spain for only the sixth time in 80 editions.

The youngest of the three iconic multi-stage races, the Vuelta was first organised in 1935, inspired by the success of the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France.

The Spanish Civil War and World War II prevented the race from being held in the early years. But it has been an annual fixture since 1955.

Although the route changes every year, the format stays the same. At least two time trials, the passage through the Pyrenees or the Cantabrian Mountains, and the finish in Madrid tend to be staples.

The 2025 Vuelta, flagged off in Turin last weekend, will travel through Italy, France, Andorra and Spain, finishing in the Spanish capital on September 14.

The Vuelta awards individual jerseys after every stage: red for general classification (the most coveted), green for points classification, polka dots for mountain classification, and white for young rider classification.

Roberto Heras and Primoz Roglic have the most Vuelta titles: four each.

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Somanna promises meet to fast-track suburban rail project

His assurance follows *The Hindu*'s 'Spotlight' report published on August 29, titled 'A dream derailed', which highlighted the setbacks the project is facing

THE HINDU IMPACT

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BENGALURU

Construction activities of BSRP have come to a standstill at Lingarajapuram in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Bengaluru's long-awaited Suburban Railway Project came under the spotlight at a review meeting conducted on Friday, where Ministr of State for Railways V. Somanna promised to convene a separate meeting with senior officials and the Karnataka government to address persistent delays.

His assurance follows *The Hindu*'s 'Spotlight' report published on August 29, titled "A dream derailed", which highlighted the project's setbacks, including contractor exits, land acquisition issues, and lack of coordination between agencies.

"I have discussed the matter thoroughly today with officials. I will take this up with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw soon. I recently travelled by suburban trains in Chennai and Kolkata and observed its success there. Yes, I agree that Bengaluru's project has been delayed considerably," Mr. Somanna said at a press conference after the review meeting.

He added that a dedicated review with State government officials and MPs would be held within the next 20 to 25 days to explore whether the Railways should directly take over the project from the Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company (K-RIDE) and implement it.

P.C. Mohan, MP for Bangalore Central, reiterated that the State government's lack of urgency in land acquisition was a major hurdle, urging the Railways to take full control of the project. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Mohan said, "The delay is happening because of land acquisition. The suburban rail is badly needed for Bengaluru, but the State government is not showing enough interest. That is why I requested the Railways to take over the entire project and implement it directly."

Sanctioned in October 2020, the 148-km network was originally expected to be completed in phases by October 2023, well before the final deadline of October 2026. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone in June 2022, he assured Bengaluru citizens that the long-pending project would be delivered within 40 months, finally ending a four-decade wait.

Sluggish progress

However, progress has been sluggish. In a major setback earlier this month, Larsen & Toubro terminated its contracts for two corridors Chikkabanavara to Bennigenahalli and Heelalige to Rajankunte citing project delays and unresolved issues.

Traffic police collect ₹21 cr. in six days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have collected a whopping ₹21 crore between August 23 and 29, settling 7.43 lakh cases during a 50% concession offer announced by the Karnataka government, according to the data shared by the BTP.

The Karnataka government has announced a 50% concession on fines for all pending traffic e-challan cases, bringing major relief to vehicle owners across the State. The order, issued on August 21, came into effect on August 23.

The concession scheme was aimed at encouraging motorists to clear long-pending challans. Officials said the response has been overwhelming, with thousands of people making use of the rebate window to avoid further penalties.

Uber resumes bike taxi services in State as 'Bike Direct'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rapido had recently introduced a feature called 'Bike Direct' to continue its services, describing it as a 'non-profit initiative'. FILE PHOTO

Uber has restarted bike taxi operations in Karnataka, following in the footsteps of Rapido, after the Karnataka High Court's recent clarification on the service.

Rapido had recently introduced a feature called "Bike Direct" to continue its services, describing it as a "non-profit initiative aimed at supporting our captains whose livelihoods were severely impacted by operational restrictions". Now, Uber has rolled out a similar feature on its app. A check by *The Hindu* confirmed that the option is now available for riders in Bengaluru.

However, Ola has completely removed the bike taxi feature from its app and has not resumed operations in the State.

While Uber has resumed services, the company has not officially commented on the move. *The Hindu* reached out to Uber's spokesperson, but did not receive a response at the time of publishing of this report.

The High Court of Karnataka on August 22 orally clarified to State Advocate-General Shashi Kiran Shetty that the court, on August 20, had only asked the A-G to instruct the authorities not to take any precipitative action against individual bike taxi owners or drivers for operating their vehicles.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi gave this clarification when the A-G complained that aggregators, like Uber, Ola and Rapido, have started offering bike taxis on their platforms even though the court had not given any such liberty to them.

ED attaches assets worth ₹1.79 crore of businessman in bank loan fraud case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth ₹1.79 crore belonging to businessman K.G. Bhadraradhya in a money laundering case linked to a bank loan fraud. The order was issued on August 25 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

According to the ED, the attached assets include two buildings located in Nagarabhavi. Bhadraradhya, along with Ashok Kumar, V. Vijayalakshmi, and Radha Agarwal, alias Anjana, is accused of defrauding several banks by securing vehicle loans on the basis of forged invoices purportedly issued by authorised car dealers of two well-known brands in Bengaluru.

Loan amount diverted

The ED said the accused diverted the loan amounts, totalling ₹4.84 crore, into fictitious bank accounts and routed them through multiple accounts belonging to their business entities. The funds were allegedly siphoned off through a layering process and used for various purposes, including the purchase of land, machinery, repayment of older loans, and substantial cash withdrawals.

The ED said part of the fraudulent proceeds worth ₹43.06 lakh was used to buy 2 acres and 25 guntas of agricultural land in Antharasanhalli village, Tumakuru, registered in the name of Vijayalakshmi, Bhadraradhya's wife.

That property had already been attached earlier in 2016 under a separate provisional order, with possession taken after confirmation by the Adjudicating Authority.

With the latest action, the total value of assets attached by the ED in this case has reached ₹2.20 crore.

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Notice Issued Under Section 13(2) Of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002

To,

Borrower : (1) M/S.Mehaboob Trade Link Represented By its Partners: i. Abdul Salam And ii. Shabnam Afroz Having its Place of Business At: No.13/2/F, Deepanjali Nagar, PP Industrial Towers, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(2) Mr.Abdul Salam (Partner)** S/o. Mohammed Yaseen, Rest At :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(3) Mrs. Shabnam Afroz (Partner)** W/o. Abdul Salam, Rest At :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(4) Mr. Abdul Salam (Guarantor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen, Rest At :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(5) Mrs.Shabnam Afroz (Guarantor)** W/o.Abdul Salam, Rest At :No.53, 2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(6) Mr.Mohammed Illias (Guarantor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen, Resd at :No.53,2-1 1st A Cross,Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(7) Mr. Mohammed Akmal (Guarantor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen Rest At :No.53,2-1 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026.

MORTGAGOR: (1) Mr.Mohammed Illias (Mortgagor) S/o.Mohammed Yaseen, Resd at :No.53,2-1 1st A Cross,Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(2) Mr.Abdul Salam (Mortgagor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen Rest At :No.53, 2-1 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(3) Mr.Mohammed Akmal(Mortgagor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen Rest At :No.53,2-1 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank ARM II Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **M/s. MEHABOOB TRADE LINK Reprersented by Its Partners Mr. Abdul Salam and Mrs. Shabnam Afroz** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and have entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

That **1. Abdul Salam S/o.Mohammed Yaseen 2. Mrs.Shabnam Afroz W/o.Abdul Salam 3. Mr. Mohammed Illias S/o. Mohammed Yaseen 4. Mr.Mohammed Akmal S/o. Mohammed Yaseen** (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantors"), has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities **(Fund based / Non-Fund Based)** up to the limit of **Rs. 1,70,00,000.00/- (Rupees One Crores Seventy Lakhs Only)** with interest thereon.

You **Mr.Mohammed Illias S/o Mohammed Yaseen, Mr.Abdul Salam S/o Mohamed Yaseen and Mr.Mohammed Akmal S/o.Mohammed Yaseen** have entered into agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from **01.03.2018** the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on **27.08.2025** amounts to **Rs. 7,13,31,422.88 (Seven Crores Thirteen Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Two Rupees Eighty Eight Paise)** plus further Interest and charges thereon, the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in **Schedule C** hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 30.05.2018** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in Schedule C hereunder to the secured creditor within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of mentioned in schedule C together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum **Rs.7,13,31,422.88 (Seven Crores Thirteen Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Two Rupees Eighty Eight Paise) as on 27.08.2025** together with further interest (as stated in schedule C) and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset.

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt.

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of Section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Your attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE - A
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

SL. NO.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.)	Disbursed Amount (Rs.)
1	2454261005810	OCC	11.05.2016	Rs. 95,00,000.00	Running Limit
2	2454766000190	Term Loan	11.05.2016	Rs. 75,00,000.00	Rs. 75,00,000.00

SCHEDULE –B
[Details of security assets]

Details of Immovable Assets

SL. NO.	Nature	Name of the title holder
1	**Property**	
	All That Piece and Parcel of the property bearing site No.07,previously the said site under the limits of Gramantana Horamaavu Village and now it comes with in the limits of BBMP ,Bangalore with B property register and now said site comes under BBMP with assignment of Khata No.7/154/6 of Mahadevapura range of Horamaavu Village and site measuring about east to west on the northern side 70 feet and southern side 76.06 feet,north to south 40 feet and measuring 2930 sft and bounded as follows: East by: Kalkare Village Lands, West by:25 feet road, North by:Site No.6, South by:Site No 8 and 9.	**i . Mr.Mohammed Illias ii. MrAbdul Salam iii. Mr.Mohammed Akmal**

SCHEDULE – C
[Details of liability as on date 27.08.2025]

SL. NO.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan/Limit	Principal as on date 27.08.2025	Interest and other charges as on date 27.08.2025	Total Liability as on date 27.08.2025	Rate of Interest
1	2454261 005810	OCC	Rs. 1,45,28,799.49	Rs. 3,80,84,776.82	Rs. 5,26,13,576.31	11.80%
2	2454766 000190	Term Loan	Rs. 69,09,214.03	Rs. 1,18,08,632.54	Rs. 1,87,17,846.57	12.85%

Date : 28.08.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice Issued Under Section 13(2) Of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002

To,

BORROWER/GUARANTOR : (1) M/s.Shabana Fashion Represented By its Partners: i. Shabana Katoon And ii.Mohammed Illias Having its Place of Business At: No.13/2/A, Deepanjali Nagar, PP Industrial Towers, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026**. (2) Mr.Mohammed Illias (Partner)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen, Resd at :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(3) Mrs.Shabana Katoon (Partner)** W/o.Mohammed Illias, Resd at :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(4) Mr.Mohammed Illias (Guarantor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen, Resd at :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(5) Mrs.Shabana Katoon (Guarantor)** W/o.Mohammed Illias, Resd at :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross,Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(6) Mr.Abdul Salam (Guarantor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen, Rest At :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026. **(7) Mr.Mohammed Akmal (Guarantor)** S/o.Mohammed Yaseen, Rest At :No.53,2-1, 1st A Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Vinayaka Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026.

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That **M/s.SHABANA FASHIONS Reprersented by Its Partners Mohammed Illias and Mrs.Shabana Katoon** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and have entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

That **1. Mr.Mohammed Illias S/o Mohammed Yaseen 2. Mrs.Shabana Katoon W/o Mohammed Illias 3. Mr.Abdul Salam S/o Mohamed Yaseen and 4. Mr.Mohammed Akmal S/o.Mohammed Yaseen** (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantors"), has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities **(Fund based / Non-Fund Based)** up to the limit of **Rs. 1,70,00,000.00/- (Rupees One Crores Seventy Lakhs Only)** with interest thereon.

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[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

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2	2454766 000191	Term Loan	11.05.2016	Rs. 75,00,000.00	Rs. 75,00,000.00

SCHEDULE –B
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SCHEDULE – C
[Details of liability as on date 27.08.2025]

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2	2454766 000191	Term Loan	Rs. 69,02,950.00	Rs. 1,18,10,285.81	Rs. 1,87,13,235.81	12.85%

Date : 28.08.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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73,959 Ganesha idols immersed in city on Thursday, says BBMP

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As many as 73,959 Ganesha idols were immersed in the city on Thursday, according to data from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

After recording 79,039 immersions on Wednesday, South Bengaluru once again reported the highest numbers among the eight zones, with 44,521 immersions.

The West Zone registered the second-highest at 10,568, followed by the East Zone (9,306), Mahadevapura (2,737), Bommanahalli (2,347), Yelahanka (2,199), R.R. Nagar (2,113), and Dasarahalli (168).

Of the 79,039 idols immersed, 61,006 were placed in lakes and kalyanis, while 12,953 were immersed using mobile tanker facilities.

The BBMP had arranged immersion points at 41 lakes and kalyanis across the city, in addition to deploying 489 mobile tankers. On Wednesday evening, the day of the festival, a massive 2.19 lakh Ganesha idols were immersed across Bengaluru.

Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru
Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, VVWW Campus, K.R.S Main Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru-570020.

TN No: MCC/EE-ELE/TN-09/2025-26 Date: 26.08.2025

Tender Notification-09
Through Karnataka Public-Procurement Portal Only

Tenders are invited through Karnataka Public-Procurement Portal for the works under General Fund: 2025-26 grant as required from Executive Engineer (Electrical) of the Mysuru City Corporation. Details are as follows:

Sl. No	Description	Total Works	Tender Amount (INR)	Date of Publishing on KPP-Portal	Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date for Submission of Bids	Technical Bid opening Date	Financial Bid opening Date
1	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	01	127.00	26.08.2025	30.08.2025	09.09.2025	10.09.2025	12.09.2025

Sl. No	Description	Total Works	Tender Amount (INR)	Date of Publishing on KPP-Portal	Last Date for Submission of Bids	Technical & Financial Bid opening Date
2	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	02	6.12	26.08.2025	03.09.2025	04.09.2025

Note: Any further changes/notifications will be published only through Karnataka Public-Procurement portal only and will not release any paper notification.

DIPR/MYSORE/876/SSC/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Electrical), Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru.

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Established by Act No. 24 of 2006

Advt. No.: CNLU/LL.B.(Hons.)/01/2025-26 Date : 29.08.2025

Admission to the 3-Year LL.B. (Hons.) Course

CNLU Patna is hereby inviting applications for its 3-Year LL.B. (Hons.) Course for the Academic Year, 2025-26.

Online Application Opens : 29th August, 2025, **Online Application Closes:** 10th September, 2025, **Date of Examination:** Sunday, the 14th September, 2025 from 03:00 pm to 5:00 pm, **Venue of Examination:** Patna.

Educational Qualification: a) A candidate for admission to 3-Year LL.B. (Hons.) course should have passed an Undergraduate Degree in any discipline/ any other equivalent degree with the following Marks or Equivalent Grade: i) Sixty percent (60%) marks in the aggregate of the maximum marks prescribed in the case of candidates belonging to General / BC / EBC / EWS / PWD and ii) Fifty Five percent (55%) marks in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST category. b) The candidate must have passed/appeared in the final semester/final year examination of the qualifying degree on the date of the entrance test. However, the candidate who appeared in the qualifying examination must submit final result on the date and at time of admission.

Online Application Fee : (i) Rs. 2,500/- for SC / ST / PWD candidates. (ii) Rs. 3,000/- for other candidates.

For further details, please visit: www.cnlu.ac.in

By the order of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. REGISTRAR

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No: A3/BBP/Food Court/2025-26 Date: 23-08-2025

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru herein after referred as Tender Inviting Authority, has invited Re-e-Tender for **Running a Suvarnamukhi Cafe (Food Court) on revenue sharing basis inside the Zoo of Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru** for a period of 5 years from the date of agreement through e-Procurement Portal from the Tenderers.

Detailed tender documents may be downloaded from the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from on 25-08-2025 onwards.** Last Date and Time for Tender Queries and Clarifications: **04-09-2025.** Last Date for Tenders may be Submitted along with the prescribed EMD and Tender Fees Electronically in e-Portal: **05-09-2025 upto 4.00 PM.** Date and Time for Opening of Tender: **08-09-2025 at 11.30 AM.**

Sd/-
Executive Director

DIPR/CP/2524/Adverto/2025-26

Dear Shareholders,

I am pleased to share your Company's annual performance highlights for the Financial Year 2024-25; a year marked by significant achievements and sustained production, reinforcing the Company's strategic role in India's defence and aerospace sector.

During the year, the Company achieved the prestigious **MAHARATNA** status, the first among Defence PSUs in recognition of its strong financial performance, R&D and strategic initiatives. This achievement would not have been possible without the strong commitment of our people, the trust of our esteemed customers, support from the government and backing of our shareholders. I, on behalf of the Board of Directors, sincerely thank each one of you for your invaluable contributions.

During FY 25, the global defence and aerospace industry faced several challenges in the supply chain due to geopolitical tensions. Despite these setbacks, Indian defence production grew at a faster pace during the year, fueled by the Government's 'Aatmanirbhar' initiatives, expanding India's global footprint and boosting economic growth.

The Indian defence industry is poised for a major shift in the coming years. The Government's thrust on strengthening the Indian defence ecosystem through new public-private partnerships, technological innovation and increased defence spending will boost indigenous defence manufacturing to a new high. India aims to reach ₹3 Lakh crore in defence production by 2029. As the largest Defence PSU in India, your Company is fully prepared and committed to supporting the expanding defence ecosystem to make India self-sufficient in this sector.

On the financial parameters, the Company recorded an all-time high turnover of Rs. 30,105 Crore for FY 2024-25 driven by consistent order execution and growing demand for indigenous defence platforms. The Company's operational resilience and agility led to a 7% growth from the previous year, despite disruptions in the supply chain. The Profit Before Tax for the year increased by 6% to Rs.10,820 Crore from Rs.10,199 Crore in the previous year. The Profit after Tax (PAT) increased by 10% to Rs.8,317 Crore from Rs.7,595 Crore in the previous year. As of March 2025, the order book position of the Company stood at a healthy Rs.1,89,302 Crore. The Company has received many new orders aggregating to Rs.1,25,280 Crore.

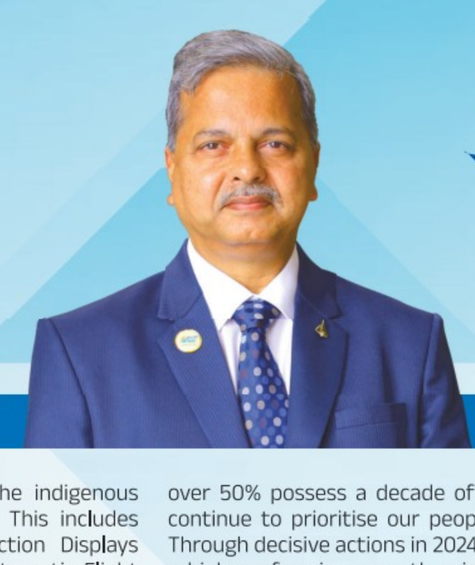
The Company paid an interim dividend of Rs.25/- per equity share of face value of Rs.5/- each for the FY 2024-25, totaling to Rs.1,672 Crore. Further, the Board of Directors of the Company has recommended a final dividend of Rs.15/- per share of Rs.5/- each for approval of shareholders, with a cash outflow of Rs.1,003 Crore. On approval of shareholders, the total cash outflow for payment of dividend for the FY 2024-25 would be Rs.2,675 Crore.

The Company made significant strides during FY 25:

- The Company's flagship product, Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv's upgraded civil variant, received the Directorate of Civil Aviation (DGCA) certification. With this, the Company hopes to address the growing demand in the civil aviation space, an emerging opportunity in India.
- The Hindustan Turbo Trainer (HTT-40) aircraft received a Certification from the Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC) during Aero India-2025, marking a resounding success for HAL's design capabilities.
- The Company supplied structural assemblies to ISRO for its GSLV-F15 NVS-02 Mission. This Mission successfully placed the NVS-02 satellite into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit, for providing accurate Position, Velocity and Timing service to users in India.
- Indigenously developed Software Defined Radio (SDR), has been flight tested on ALH Dhruv.
- The first Gas Generator (GG-01) module for CE-20, Cryogenic engine was also delivered from the Integrated Cryogenic Manufacturing Facility (ICMF).

"FY 2024-25 was a year of remarkable achievement and momentum. HAL secured the prestigious Maharatna status, the first Defence PSU to do so, anchored by strong financials, robust R&D, and strategic foresight. Our growing order book and continuous strides in indigenous design and production reflect India's capability to stand tall in a highly strategic domain."

Dr. D. K. Sunil
Chairman and Managing Director



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CMD's Speech at 62nd Annual General Meeting held on August 28, 2025

- Mistral-2 Missile Firing trial was successfully conducted on the Light Combat Helicopter (Prachand) at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha.
- The first AL-31FP engine under the 240-engine contract was also handed over to the Indian Air Force ahead of schedule.
- The first Jaguar DARIN III Fixed Base Full Motion Simulator (FBFMS) has been commissioned.

Additionally, we have taken several initiatives to ensure growth:

- The Company signed a Manufacturing License Agreement (MLA) with GE for the production of Engines for LCA Mk 2 under Transfer of Technology (ToT) in India.
- The company also signed a long-term contract with Safran Aircraft Engines (SAE), for the export of ring forgings for LEAP engines.

The Company incurred Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) of Rs.2,026 Crore during FY 2024- 25 (PY Rs. 2,168 Crore). The investments were mainly towards the Green Field Helicopter project at Tumakuru, augmentation of facilities of LCA, ROH of SU-30, ROH of AL-31FP Engine etc. besides the regular replacement and rationalisation of the existing facilities.

In line with its strategic goals, the Company has a robust CAPEX plan for the next five years, with an estimated outlay of ₹14,000 to ₹15,000 Crore. This investment will focus on expanding manufacturing capacities and setting up Repair and Overhaul (ROH) facilities for various platforms including development of manufacturing infrastructure for the LCA Mk2, GE-414 engines, and Indian Multi Role Helicopter (IMRH) engines, along with facilities to support Design and Development (D&D) activities for the IMRH, Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), and other related projects.

The Company has incurred Rs.2,482 Crore on R&D during FY 2024-25, which is 8.25 % of the turnover. The Company also transferred a sum of Rs.922 Crore to R&D reserve for contribution to R&D corpus.

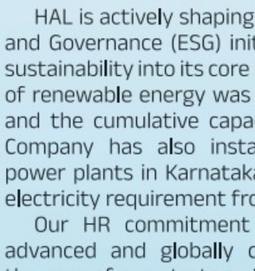
The future of the Indian aerospace industry is promising. The integration of advanced technologies such as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Predictive Maintenance, Cybersecurity, Additive manufacturing and the Internet of Military Things (IoMT) is set to revolutionise the industry, enhancing operational capabilities and safety.

Your Company has taken 86 projects towards the implementation of Industry 4.0 and Quality 4.0 initiatives aimed at digitalisation of manufacturing technologies and the integration of physical and digital domains across various areas. The Company has driven IT transformation by implementing an information accessibility framework to accelerate the decision-making process. The Company is leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) in selected aspects of defence systems development to reduce pilot workload, enhance situation awareness, safety and fleet availability for fixed-wing and rotary-wing platforms.

HAL is driving self-reliance through the indigenous development of mission-critical systems. This includes advanced avionics like Smart Multi-Function Displays (SMFD), Software Defined Radio (SDR), Automatic Flight Control Systems (AFCS), and Mission Computers, along with engine development programmes such as the Hindustan Turbo Fan Engine-25 for trainers, Hindustan Turbo Shaft Engine-1200 for helicopters, and small gas turbines for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. The Combat Air Teaming System (CATS), featuring manned-unmanned teaming platforms like the CATS Warrior (loyal wingman), represents HAL's foray into next-generation aerial warfare.

Indigenous projects like Light Combat Aircraft Mk1A, ALH, Light Combat Helicopter Prachand, Light Utility Helicopter and HTT-40 will continue to be the main revenue source of the company. The futuristic projects like LCA Mk 2, AMCA, IMRH, Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF) etc. will ensure technological lead of the company in the years to come and keep our production lines busy during the next decade.

We will continue to support Start-up Companies, SMEs/ MSMEs, Tier-II and Tier-III vendors to achieve self-reliance "Aatmanirbharta" in aerospace and defence. During the FY 2024-25, HAL has placed Purchase Order for Rs. 2,593 Crore on 2,436 MSME Vendors, an increase of 21.50% over the previous year.



We are strengthening our footprint in exports by supplying aircraft like H-228 to Guyana, Do-228 to Seychelles and Mauritius, helicopters to Nepal, Maldives, Mauritius, Suriname and Namibia. The Company has exported Ring Forgings of super alloys to UK and USA, Su-30 avionics to Malaysia.

The Company is committed to its social responsibility and has implemented various CSR projects to integrate the social and business goals sustainably in line with Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013. During the year, the Company has spent Rs.167 Crore against the CSR budget of Rs.144 Crore in the thematic areas of education, health care, sports, skill development, rural development, livelihood enhancement etc. About 10% of the total expenditure was spent in Aspirational Districts benefitting rural and tribal communities. The Company has sanctioned a major project viz. construction of a High-Performance Sports Science Centre at the Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru, which will go a long way in enabling India to increase its medal tally significantly in the Olympics and other international events. Other projects include Project Vidushi which aims at improving the infrastructure of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas that are located near HAL Divisions, providing state-of-the-art high value medical equipment to Government Hospitals, construction of Government School Buildings and upgradation of infrastructure of Government ITI's etc.

HAL is actively shaping its role in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives focusing on integrating sustainability into its core business. During the year, 1.5MW of renewable energy was commissioned by the Company and the cumulative capacity installed is 35.35 MW. The Company has also installed 14.70 MW capacity wind power plants in Karnataka. The Company met 37% of its electricity requirement from renewable energy sources.

Our HR commitment to developing technologically advanced and globally competitive talent remains at the core of our strategy. With a robust workforce where over 50% possess a decade of aerospace expertise, we continue to prioritise our people as our greatest asset. Through decisive actions in 2024-25 we continued to build a high-performing, growth-oriented workforce. Through structured and targeted training and development programmes, the existing leadership pipeline was strengthened across levels. Our Leadership Development Programme (LDP) in partnership with IIM-Ahmedabad and Aerospace Valley -France, with six batches successfully completed so far, aims at providing leadership pipeline for the future. Our Skill Development initiatives included partnerships with CMTI for Advanced Manufacturing Technology and Industry 4.0/5.0 programmes, thereby creating a future-ready workforce.

Recognition and development remained paramount through structured reward schemes, celebrating exemplary performance, and by establishing sabbatical programs enabling self-development. Our inclusive approach was reinforced by granting special leave provisions for employees under Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PWBD) category while our industry leadership was demonstrated through hand-holding support extended to other new DPSUs through workshops. Employee welfare continued to be strengthened with enhanced pension contributions from 7% to 10% for workmen and the introduction of a National Pension Scheme providing greater financial flexibility. These targeted measures have strengthened employee engagement and retention.

Your Company always strives to conduct the business with integrity, in an ethical and transparent manner to attain the highest standard of Corporate Governance practice in the letter & spirit by framing & implementing various policies & procedures mandated under the Companies Act and SEBI (LODR) Regulations, DPE Guidelines, Public Procurement Policy, CVC Guidelines, MoD directives issued from time to time. The Company has established systems and procedures to ensure that its Board of Directors is well informed about the policies of the company, to enable them to discharge their responsibilities and to enhance the overall value of all stakeholders. Your company has been continuously rated 'Excellent' grade for the past 23 years with respect to MoU signed with Department of Public Enterprises.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the Department of Defence Production, Defence Acquisition Council, Defence Finance, Department of Civil Aviation and our valuable customers viz., the Indian Air Force, Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Border Security Force, ISRO, other Global Aviation Companies and private industry.

I thank DGAQA, CEMILAC, Principal Controller of Defence Accounts, Principal Director of Commercial Audit, C&AG, Auditors, Bankers, Legal Advisors, Collaborators, Suppliers, Shareholders and other Agencies and acknowledge their contributions to the Company's achievements.

I am grateful, once again, to the members of the Board for their valuable guidance and acknowledge the immense contribution and dedication of the employees at all levels.

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Place : Bengaluru
Date : August 28, 2025

(Dr. D. K. Sunil)
Chairman and Managing Director

Note: This does not purport to be a record of proceeding of Annual General Meeting.

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COVER

Delhi loves to showcase

Launching the capital's first city IKEA, Country Commercial Manager Aadosh Sharma says buyers here visit stores with the intention to buy

Soma Basu

The newly launched IKEA city store in Tagore Garden in West Delhi is creating a flutter as the Swedish company aims to ingeniously drive the capital's denizens to de-clutter and make their homes more functional this festive season.

Diwali is usually the time for deep cleaning. Many families, like Kavya Verma's who lives in Vikaspuri, an upper-middle-class residential area in West Delhi, redo their home interiors.

Last weekend, when Verma and her mother visited the IKEA store at Pacific Mall, the shop layout had them totally consumed. The subtle creative guidance all across the 15,000-sq.ft space, pushed their ongoing battle of sentiments vs. functionality to the back seat. "Being able to touch, feel, sit, and experience every product gave us a sense of thrill, and my mother is now thinking about upgrading our home," says Verma.

It's about inspiration

"Delhi is a market where more than space and affordability, people are looking for inspiration and are willing to spend; they visit a store with the intention to buy," says Aadosh Sharma, IKEA's Country Commercial Manager. IKEA's annual Life at Home surveys, which examine how people live and how they aspire to live, have prompted the giant furniture and home furnishings retailer to open a store in Delhi. Launched during Independence Day, it has come three years after the first city store was inaugurated in Worli, Mumbai, in 2022. Interestingly, in the past, big lifestyle brands have usually launched themselves in upmarket areas of South Delhi. Sharma says, the idea of having the city store inside a West Delhi mall appealed due to its proximity to the metro station and the high footfall.

The store offers 2,000-plus products on display of which 800 are available for immediate takeaway.

Once inside the store, visitors explore inspiring room settings that have been tailored to Delhi homes, plan their spaces using digital tools and seek personalised services, including interior planning, and home furnishing advice. The larger items can be ordered for home delivery from the entire online IKEA range.

The online and omnichannel approach, according to Sharma, recognises the need to help customers optimise emotional connection and prioritise purchase.

A view of Delhi's first IKEA store.

Survey

As per the Customer Insight Survey, ever since the launch of its e-commerce in March this year, IKEA has clocked more than 1,00,000 online orders from northern India, with 75,000 orders from Delhi alone. "A 10% month-on-month growth and early signs of strong repeat purchase behaviour signal a solid start in the region," says Sharma. The survey done over the last four months reveals the buying patterns of Delhi shoppers, who have been mostly looking at shoe racks, multi-functional furniture such as sofa-cum-beds, chairs and study tables, compact wardrobes with mirrors and drawers, products that enliven balconies and sit-outs.

What they have been buying most includes bedroom furniture, bookshelves, home decorations, and clear and no-fuss storage that suits functional homes. "The city has adapted to the brand. In the coming days, we will focus on specific spots and accentuate products based on area-specific demands," says Sharma, adding that a network of six additional stores over the next five years is in the pipeline.

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Man from Uttar Pradesh held on charge of strangling his wife

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police have arrested a 29-year-old man from Uttar Pradesh on charges of murdering his wife following an argument on Thursday at their house in Varthur.

The accused has been identified as Ravinder Singh, a carpenter who has been living in Dommasandra near Varthur for the past three years with his family. He allegedly strangled his wife, Poonam Singh, using a rope around 10 a.m. and then informed her family in Uttar Pradesh.

The police said Poonam's family immediately contacted her relative, Bijender Singh, who also lives in Bengaluru, and asked him to check on her. When he visited her house around 2 p.m., he found Poonam lying dead on the bed while Ravinder was sitting in a corner of the house. Bijender alerted the police and later filed a formal complaint, following which Ravinder was arrested. An FIR has been filed at the Varthur police station against Ravinder under BNS Section 103.

A police officer told *The Hindu* that the couple reportedly had an argument over a trivial matter.

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Department of Tourism, Art Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs,
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Phone:(0651)2400493, email:dirjharkhandtourism@gmail.com,
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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender No.: Tour/Dir/Scheme/04/2025 – 849/ Ranchi Date : 28/08/2025

e-Tender in two parts Part-I (Technical and Commercial) and Part-II (Price part) is invited from the reputed Tenderers having experience of following similar type of works and having sound financial status:

NIT No.	Name of the works	Estimated cost (in Rs.) Including GST and other taxes as applicable	Earnest money to be deposited (in Rs.)	Time of completion of work
Tour/Dir/Scheme/04/2025 – 849.	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Procurement, Design, Fabrication Supply & Operation of 2 no. Solar Houseboat at Patratu Dam, Ramgarh, Jharkhand.	6.00 Cr. (Rs. Six Crore)	12.00 Lakh	9 Months for supply

Availability of tender documents on website	From 30.08.2025 at 11:00 AM to 22.09.2025 up to 3:00 PM
Last date and time for uploading of e-tender	Up to 22.09.2025 at 3:00 PM
Date and time for opening of Tender Part-I (Technical and Commercial)	at 3:00 PM on 23.09.2025
Date and time for opening of Tender Part-II (Price part)	will be communicated later on
Tendering officer and address for communication	Director, Directorate of Tourism, MDI Building, 2nd Floor, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

1. e-Tender document and BOQ including terms & conditions, Tender specification, etc. can be downloaded from website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in the regard can also be procured from the office of the undersigned (0651-2400493) during office hours. NIC helpline no. is 0651-2400178.
2. The bids will be received only through electronic tendering mode.
3. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services while uploading the bid. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.
4. Bidders have to submit copy of UTR/reference no. as proof of online payment of tender fee & EMD as mentioned in NIT before the cutoff date & time as mentioned in NIT, failing which bid will not be accepted. The details of finally uploaded BOQ, EMD and DD/ Cheque, etc. of the specified in tender document should be the same as while submitted online (Scanned copies) otherwise tender will not be considered.

Sd/-
Director, Tourism

PR 360673 Tourism, Art Culture Sports And Youth Affairs (25-26).D

Government of Andhra Pradesh
Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department
Srikakulam Urban Development Authority, Srikakulam

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Roc No. : 302/2025/SUDA/SKLM **Date: 30-08-2025**

Notice inviting applications for development works (Preparation of GIS Based Perspective plan and Master plan under Request For Proposal (RFP). For Srikakulam Urban Development Authority, Srikakulam in 1233 Revenue Villages across 26 Revenue Mandals covering an area of 3532.56 Sq.Km

The Bid document is available in e-procurement portal from **30.08.2025 @ 3:00 pm** onwards and The Submission of bid document will be closed on **29.09.2025 @ 3:00 pm**

Conditions: SUDA reserves the full right to partially or completely cancel / reject the tender without providing any reason.

Sd/- Farman Ahmad Khan, I.A.S.,
Vice Chairperson, SUDA, Srikakulam

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

PROFORMA 10-01
INDIAN RAILWAYS

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Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under-noted section of the South Western Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz., AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Probable Date of Energization
Electrification of 25 kV, 50 Hz, AC, Single Phase Overhead Equipment for proposed yard arrangements at Whitefield CWFO) under Bengaluru Cantonment - Whitefield Quadrupling project of Gati Shakti Unit of Bengaluru division in South Western Railway.	04.09.2025

Place: Bengaluru.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer
Gati Shakti Unit, Bengaluru,
South Western Railway

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Publication of Corrigendum 1&2 for E-Tender Notice No. Auto_Sig_CSDR-PKD Date: 11.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Corrigendum 1, Schedule - D1 Item - 8 Description is modified and Documents added, Corrigendum 2, Documents added for Provision of Automatic Signalling between Chennasandra - Penukonda (CSDR-PKD) Section of Bengaluru Divisions. (Details already uploaded in website.)	Rs. 139,40,69,610.88

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 15.09.2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Construction/Bengaluru Cantonment

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Publication of Corrigendum 1&2 for E-Tender Notice No. Auto_Sig_ YPR-ASK Date: 08.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Corrigendum 1, Schedule - D1, Item - 8 Description is modified and Documents added, Corrigendum 2, Documents added and Corrigendum 3 Schedule - E item - 3 Qty is modified from 12 to 13, Schedule B1 item - 25 Unit is Mtr. And also Documents added for Provision of Automatic Signalling between Yesvantpur - Arsikere (YPR-ASK) Section of Bengaluru and Mysuru Divisions. (Details already uploaded in website.)	Rs. 160,95,45,891.77

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 15.09.2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Construction/Bengaluru Cantonment

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SATHISH**, S/o Obalanarasimhaiah H.S, residing at No. B-206, 2nd Floor, Nandi Shelters Apartments, 11th Main Road, 1st Cross, Near Thurahalli Water Tank, Jayanagar Housing Co-operative Society Layout, Thurahalli, Bangalore 560061 have changed my name to **SATHISH OBALANARASIMHAIAH** for all purposes vide affidavit dt. 22.08.2025 sworn before Notary in front of Mamatha N K, B.A.LL.B, Bangalore.

CORRIGENDUM

This is to inform the general public, that we have released a Public Notice dated 29-08-2025, in this notice we had missed out a **Unregistered Construction Agreement the general public read as Unregistered sale Agreement, and Construction Agreement both are misplaced, hence we have giving this Public Notice.**

Mr. Dayananda.G.M,
Advocates and Legal consultants,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN THAT, our client has negotiated and agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner. The owner has lost the **original Hakku Patra** issued by the Block Development Officer, Bangalore South Taluk. All/Any persons having any claims against the schedule property or any part thereof are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office within **07 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which our clients shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential House consisting of Ground and First Floor bearing BBMP Khatha No.117/16/1, constructed on **Site No.1,** formed in Property No.16/1 (old No.16) situated at **Haralakunte Village (Parangipalya) Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring East to West **30 ft** and North to South **40 ft (1200 Sq ft)** & bounded on:

East by: Site No.2, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Property belonging to BDA

M/s. Jury Legal Solutions,
Advocates
No.8, 14th Cross, 14th Main,
4th Sector, HSR Layout,
Bangalore-560102. Ph : 9742494396
9844897355 / 9902195500.

Bangalore Date : 30-08-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that my client, **Sri. Prakashanath Swamiji @ Shekarappa** S/o. Honnegowda, Aged about 59 years, Residing at No.CA-17, 1st 'B' Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, having lost the Original Registered Sale deed document No.KEN-1-03067/2010-11, dated 26.10.2010, in respect of Item No.1 & Registered Sale deed document No.KEN-1-10026/2012-13, dated 04.01.2013, in respect of Item No.II, in respect of the below mentioned Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:

Item No.I). All the piece and parcel of the land in Sy.No.168, measuring 2 Acres, situated at Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

Item No.II). All the piece and parcel of the land in Sy.No.169 (Old Sy.No.168), measuring 2 Acres, situated at Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

Sri. Prakashanath Swamiji @ Shekarappa has sworn to an affidavit dated 29.08.2025 before the notary and also has filed a complaint before the Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, on 25.08.2025, with Lost Report No.1769448/2025, that effect. Any persons who found the said documents may please be handed over the same to below mentioned address within **15 days.**

M.V.J. Law Chambers,
No.193/5, 3rd Floor, Ganesha Block,
West of Chord Road, 1st Block,
2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Mahalakshmipuram,
Bangalore –560 086. Mobile : 9538305787.
Email – mvjslawchambers@gmail.com.

Place : Bangalore Date : 30-08-2025

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CORRIGENDUM-I Date:28.08.2025

1. On behalf of President of India, **item rate E-Tenders** are invited from Contractors of appropriate class for the following works

1	NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/MAINT/E-TN-52/ 2025-2026 Dated: 08.08.2025.**	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/MAINT/E-TN-53/ 2025-2026 Dated: 08.08.2025.**
2	Name of Work	**Revamping of 200kW Ground Mounted Old Solar Plant at IDSN campus, ISTRAC, Byalalu, Bengaluru**	**Refurbishment of Light fittings and Earthing for street light, common area lighting & Cable in ISRO Housing Colony Jalahalli, Bengaluru.**
3	Estimated cost put to tender	**Rs. 23.09 Lakhs**	**Rs. 23.35 Lakhs**
4	Tender Document details	**E-Tender**	**E-Tender**
5	Period of completion	**05 (Five) Months**	**03 (Three) Months**
6	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	From 16.00 hrs. on 09.08.2025 to 23.08.2025 till 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 06.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
7	Bid clarification	From 11.00 hrs. on 10.08.2025 to 24.08.2025 till 16.00 hrs **Extended up to 07.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
8	Last date of reply to Bid clarification	25.08.2025 up to 16.00 hrs **Extended up to 08.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
9	Last date & time of receipt of tenders	26.08.2025 up to 16.00 hrs **Extended up to 09.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
10	Due date and time of opening of tenders	28.08.2025 after 11.00 hrs. **Extended up to 11.09.2025 after 11.00 hrs.**	
11	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 46,180/-**	**Rs. 46,700/-**

2. Interested Tenderers may please refer **Detailed Notice Inviting Tender** (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details from website:**www.isro.gov.in.** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG

Office of the Nagar Panchayat Chhatarpur

Short E-Procurement Notice

NIT No:- NPC-NIT-16/2023-24 (8th Call)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of Work	Construction & Commissioning of Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant of Capacity 10 KLD at Chhatarpur town (Jharkhand) followed by Operation and Maintenance including desludging operations for 5 years
2	Estimated Cost (INR)	Construction Cost: ₹ 2,38,31,558.00 Operation & Maintenance Cost: ₹ 1,26,22,393.00 Total: ₹ 3,64,53,951.00
3	Bid Security (INR)	₹ 3,64,540/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only)
4	Cost of Bid Document (INR)	₹ 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only); non-refundable
5	Time of Completion	1 year of construction which comprises 9 months of construction and 3 months of defect liability period including one month of trial run and 5 years of O&M post DLP
6	Date of e-publication of tender	02-09-2025
7	Document downloading start Date	02-09-2025
11	Bid submission end date	18-09-2025
12	Last day for the submission of Bid Security, cost of bid document	18-09-2025
13	Bid opening date (online	19-09-2025
14	Mode of Submission of Bids	e-tendering (https://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
15	Name &Address of office Inviting Tender	Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat Chhatarpur
16	Helpline Number	9471125404

Note: Only e-Tender will be accepted
Complete bid document is available on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

PR 360690 (District) 25-26 (D)

Executive Officer
Nagar Panchayat Chhatarpur

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BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

Southern Regional office
Department of Consumer Affairs
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution,
Govt. of India
C.I.T Campus, IV Cross Road,
Chennai-600113

Advertisement No. 01 (YP)/2025/SRO

Requirement of Young Professional

1. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Southern Regional Office, Chennai a statutory body under the administrative control of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India is the National Standards Body of India and is responsible for activities in the field of Standardization, Product and System Certification, Hallmarking, Laboratory Testing etc., in the country

2. BIS offers excellent opportunities to Indian nationals with proven academic credentials, professional achievements, good working knowledge of technology-based skills on the computer, strong communication and interpersonal skills and leadership qualities for engaging with BIS as Young Professionals (YPs). The details of the advertisement are as follows: -

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1.	Management System Certification Department (MSCD)	**Essential:** Regular Graduation in any discipline of Science/ Engineering/ BE/B-Tech from a recognized University Regular MBA or equivalent	60%	05	Minimum of two (2) years of experience preferably in Marketing or equivalent fields (Preferably conversant with Management System)	Below 35 years of age as on 01.08.2025	Rs. 70,000/- (fixed for two years)

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAMESH ZAMBRE S/o Hari Ninu Zambre R/o Plot Number–87 Gat Number–53 Shiv Colony Jalgaon Maharashtra – 425002 changed my name to RAMESH HARI ZAMBRE.

I, RAFIULLAH Khan Fakrullah, Residing at No 202, Golden Gate Apartments, No 15, Pottery Road, Opp to East Railway Station Back Gate Richards Town Frazer Town Bengaluru -560005 have changed my name to Rafiullah Khan. Vide affidavit Dated 28.08.2025 before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru

I, INDUMATHI, R/at No.23/1, 11th Cross, 2nd Stage, Girinagar, Bengaluru-560085, have changed my name from Indumathi Yogananda to Indumathi vide affidavit dated 22-8-2025 sworn before Notary Mamatha.N.K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NC RAJESHWARI** D/O. N CHIDHAMBARA NATHAN D.O.B: 09/05/1990, Native District MADURAI, Residing at #23, 1st cross, Green Valley Township, Shyadanahalli, Mysore-570003 shall henceforth be known as **A RAJESWARI W/O AANANTHA SUBARAJARAJAA NC R A J E S H W A R I D / O N CHIDHAMBARA NATHAN**, vide affidavit dated 29-08-2025, sworn before Advocate & Notary **C. MANGALA** at Mysore.

PERSONAL

THANKSGIVING

THANKS GIVING

Grateful Thanks to St. Antony for blessing us with a grandson and for all the favours received.
I.S. Raj & Jane Raj.

THANKS GIVING

Grateful Thanks to St.Joseph for blessing us with a grandson and for all the favours received.
I.S. Raj & Jane Raj.

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Grateful Thanks to Mother Mary for blessing us with a grandson and for all the favours received.
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Grateful Thanks to St. Jude for blessing us with a grandson and for all the favours received.
I.S. Raj & Jane Raj.

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Grateful Thanks to Infant Jesus for blessing us with a grandson and for all the favours received.
I. S. Raj & Jane Raj.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CIVIL JUDGE (SENIOR DIVISION): AT AMALAPURAM

H.M.O.P 24/2024

Between
Yalamandala Rupa Lalitha .. **Petitioners**
And
Yelamandala Amarnadh
S/o. Timma Naidu, Hindu, Age 42 years, near Lakshmana hotel, Teachers colony, Roppa, Pavagada (V), Thumukur District, Karnataka State ..**Respondent**

Whereas the above named petitioner filed petition against you for divorce. You are avoiding to take the summons to drag on the above petition proceedings. The Hon'ble Court has ordered to serve the summons to you by way of publication in this paper. Therefore you are hereby appear in this court in person or by a Pleader duly instructed on the 12th day of September, 2025 at 10:30 AM in the aforesaid forenoon to show cause against the petition, failing wherein the said petition will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Date of Adjournment: 12-09-2025

Amalapuram, 29-08-2025 **P.SURYA PRAKASA RAO,** Advocate, Amalapuram, Cell: 9398278119

TENDERS

MALINENI LAKSHMAIAH WOMEN'S ENGINEERING COLLEGE
AUTONOMOUS
APPROVED BY AICTE, NEW DELHI, AFFILIATED TO JNTUK, KAKINADA
PULLADIGUNTA (V), VATTICHERUKURU (M), GUNTUR (DT), AP - 522017

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited for the purchase of equipment under AICTE IDEA LAB (Lab ID: IDEA2024000357), MLWEC, Guntur. Quotations can be mailed to: aicteidealab@malineni colleges.ac.in Visit website for further details:
http://mlewguntur.com/aicteidealab.php

Last date for Submission of Tenders : 15-09-2025 (5:00p.m.)

STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE, BANASWADI

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name:Shri. L Arunachalam,
Chief Manager
e -mail Id: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: **6364217454**
Landline No. (Office): 080 -25943790/91

Address of the Branch:
#253, "Dolphin Mansion", Near Bus Depot, 1st Main Road, HBR Layout, 2nd Block, State -1, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru -560043
TEL No: 080 -25943790, FAX No: 080 -25943793,
Email: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX- IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
E-AUCTION ON 22.09.2025
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre, Banaswadi, Bengaluru, the actual physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **22.09.2025** for recovery of **Rs.28,07,589/-** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Nine Four Only) as on 18.08.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 19.08.2025 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the **Borrowers:(1) Shri Anil Kumar V,** S/o Late Venkataramanappa, **(2) Smt. Ashwini N,** W/o Shri Anil Kumar V, (For A/c No.**HTL 37014405624**).
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.34,95,000/-	Rs.3,49,500/-	Rs.25,000/-	22.09.2025 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.	On or before 22.09.2025 up to 10.30 a.m.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

TENDER NO.SBI/15628/e Auction/2025-26/02
Property ID: SBIN200025381222
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Converted Sy.No.94/2, (Converted vide Conversion Certificate bearing No.ALN(HK).SR.130/2013-14 dated 04.07.2014, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural Dist.), and Residential single site plan sanctioned by Hosakote planning authority vide No.HPA/LAO/06/2014-15, Dated 24.07.2014 and totally measures 1922.23 Sq.Mtrs or 20690.88 Sq. feet and Present Municipal Katha No.12602/94/2, situated at DandupalyaVillage, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District., with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:East by:12 Mtrs Wide Road, West by :Land bearing Survey No.45,North by:9 Mtrs Wide Road, South by:9 Mtrs Wide Road and Sy. No.94/2.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 35.80 Sq.Mtrs or 385.4 Sq.feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: Flat bearing No.G08, in the Ground Floor, measuring about 109.16 Sq.Mtrs or 1175 Sq.feet super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered Car Parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as "VR GRAND" constructed over Schedule – "A" Property and the above said flat standing in the joint names of Shri Anil Kumar V, S/o Late Venkataramanappa, and Smt. Ashwini N., W/o Shri Anil Kumar V, vide Sale Deed dated 16.08.2018 and Registered as Document No.HSK-1-04094/2018-19 and CD No.HSKD653 dated 16.08.2018 and bounded on East by: Wide Corridor, West by:Open to Sky, North by: Flat No.G09, South by:Flat No.G07.
Note: The borrowers is said to have sold the property subsequent to creating Equitable Mortgage by Deposit of Title Deeds in favour of the Bank. As the Bank is having a valid and subsisting mortgage in its favour, the alleged sale and /or any other subsequent transactions relating to this property is not valid and not binding on the Bank.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE (2nd AUCTION) UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.
The Borrowers/Mortgagors is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre, Banaswadi, Bengaluru i.e., 1)http://www.sbi.co.in 2)https://baanknet.com/
For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent M/s Goodwill Recovery and Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru – Cell Nos.8762662278/9740367868

Place: Bengaluru
Date:28.08.2025
Sd/-
Authorized Officer

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(An Autonomous Institute of Government of Karnataka)
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BENGALURU.
No:SABVMCRI/E-TENDER/ETP&STP/GG/07/2025-26, Date:29.08.2025

Tender Notification

e-Tenders is invited from interested eligible firms in accordance with KTPP Act for "Annual Maintenance of ETP & STP for HSIS Gosha Hospital & Girls Hostel of SABVMCRI.
1) The starting date for uploading tender : **26.08.2025** onwards. **2)** The last date for clarifications on tender : **04.09.2025, upto 5.30 P M. 3)** The last date for uploading the tender : **09.09.2025 upto 5.30 P M. 4)** Opening of Tenders (One Cover) : **11.09.2025 at 11.00 A M.**
For more details pertaining to this tender, contact the Director and Dean/ Assistant Administrator of the Institute during office hours.

Sd/- Director and Dean, SABVMCRI Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2530/NR/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
MASTER CONTROL FACILITY
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION
PB #66, Hassan – 573201, India, Telephone: 08172 – 273520
NIT NO:- MCF/CMD/H/eTN-14/2025-26/2-1019 Date: 01.09.2025

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tender is invited through e-tendering mode for the following work.

Name of Work	**Construction of 24 Nos B-Type & 2 Nos C-Type Quarters at CISF Campus, MCF-Hassan (Civil, PH & Electrical Works)**
Estimated Cost	**Rs. 8,60,77,224/-**
EMD	**Rs. 17,21,544/-**
Last date for downloading of tender	**15.09.2025 17:30 Hrs.**
Last date for recipt of tender	**22.09.2025 17:30 Hrs.**
Period of Completion	**12 Months**

For full details & submission of bid please see website: **www.isro.gov.in** & **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.** All corrigendums, addendums, clarifications etc. will be uploaded in the tenderwizard portal only and will not be published in newspapers. Bidders may regularly visit the above websites for any updates.

Sd/- Head, CMD

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer Project South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560011
No. EEP(S)/KPPP/e-portal/06/2025-26 Date: 29.08.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer Project South, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Providing Cleaning, House keeping services at South Zonal Referral hospitals, Maternity hospitals, Dialysis centers & Health offices. **Approx.Amount put to tender : Rs. 275.38 Lakhs, EMD : Rs. 4,13,074.00.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Pre-Bid meeting (Executive Engineer, Project (South) : **03.09.2025 (03.00 pm) (2)** Last date for uploading the Tenders : **10.09.2025 (05.30 pm) (3)** Date and time of opening of Technical Bids : **12.09.2025 (05.30 pm) (4)** Date and time of opening of Financial Bids of the technically qualified bidders : **15.09.2025 (05.30 am) (5)** Place of opening of bids : Office of the (Executive Engineer Project (South), Address, Phone & Email for communication : Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South Zone office complex, 9th main, 9th cross, Jayanagara 2nd block, Bengaluru-560011, Executive Engineer 9008894289, eeprojectsouth@gmail.com.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Project South Zone

University Of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru-560 065.
No. EO/TN/10/2025-26 Dated: 21-08-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kpp Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document KW4 from the registered KPWD/PWD/ Contractors for the work, Sl. No.1 The details of the notification, tender document, specifications are available in the website **www.kppp.karnataka. gov.in.** The cost of tender document is as per KPP Portal. The EMD has to be paid in the KPP Portal using KPPP payment modes.

The works are under Two Cover system. The details for two cover system is to be uploaded as per Standard Tender Document.

The Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The pre-bid meeting will be held on **01.09.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee Room of Estate Office. Last date and time for uploading tender on **03.09.2025 upto 4.00 p.m.** The Technical Bid will be opened on **06.09.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** The Financial Bid will be opened on **09.09.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com or 8046010000/ 8068948777** on working days and this office during working hour, **Phone No.080-23332765.**

DIPR/CP/RO2531/AAPL/2025-26

Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

PUBLIC CAUTION NOTIFICATION

No.: EE(E)/AEE/PD/B/2025/2032 Date:29.08.2025

It is hereby brought to the notice of the public that, the works mentioned below have been completed and will be energized as per the date mentioned below.
Name of the Work: Establishing of 1X10 MVA, 110/11KV Sub-station along with Construction of 110KV LILO line from existing 110KV Munirabad-Hagari line for a distance of **0.495Kms** to the proposed 110/11KV Byluvaddigere Sub-station in Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagara District. **Probable date of commissioning on or after 30.08.2025. Village through which transmission line passes:** Byluvaddigere, Kamalapura.
Hence, public are hereby requested not to climb towers, throw metal pieces, wires, green sticks, branches on the power line and not to tie animals to the towers.
KPTCL will not bear responsibility for any accidents which may occur due to violation of instructions on or after the above said date.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Elec.,), Projects Division, KPTCL, Ballari.

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BELUR-573115, HASSAN
E-mail: itstaff_ulb_belur@yahoo.co.in, townmunicipal.belur@gmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08177–222221
No. TMC/JE/TENDER-08/CALL-2/2024-25 Dated: 25.08.2025

E-PROCUREMENT RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sl. No.Name of work 1)DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 34931/CALL-2 Tender amount (Rs. In Lakhs)71,72,020-00 EMD (Rs. In Lakhs)1,43,500-00 2)DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 36017/CALL-2(Reserved for CAT-II(A) Category Contractor) Tender amount (Rs. In Lakhs)42,16,986-00 EMD (Rs. In Lakhs)84,500-00 3)DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 36019/ CALL-2 Tender amount (Rs. In Lakhs)16,76,436-00 EMD (Rs. In Lakhs)41,950-00 4)DMA/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT36023/ CALL-2(Reserved for SC Category Contractor)Tender amount (Rs. In Lakhs)16,82,345-00 EMD (Rs. In Lakhs)25,240-00 5)DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 34812/CALL-2 Tender amount (Rs. In Lakhs)55,35,572-00 EMD (Rs. In Lakhs) 1,10,750-00 6)DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT 34797/CALL-2 Tender amount (Rs. In Lakhs)38,11,710-00 EMD (Rs. In Lakhs)76,300-00 1)Last date and time for tender notification in E-procurement: 08.09.2025 upto 5.30pm. 2)Techinical bid opening date and time: 10.09.2025 at 11.30am 3)Financial bid opening date and time: 15.09.2025 at 11.30am

Sd/- President, TMC, Belur. **Sd/- Sujay Kumar S M, Chief Officer, TMC, Belur.**

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Shivamogga Mahanagara Palike, Shivamogga
No.: SMNP:WD:Tender:20/2025-26 Date: 29.08.2025

Tender Notice (Through KPP Portal)

Tender is invited through KPP Portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 Rules and as per Standard Tender Document Rules for implementation of below mentioned works coming in the limits of Shivamogga Mahanagara Palike. Contractors interested in participating in the KPP Portal Tender can obtain the details through website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

1) Class of Contractor: For works of Indent No.: 18983/ Call-4, Class 2 and above & For works of Indent Nos.: 46191, 46181, 47590 & 47620 Class III and above.

2) Last date for submission of Applications through KPP Portal for works of Indent No.: 18983/Call-4: 12.09.2025 (up to 4.00 PM), last date for submission of Applications for works of remaining Indent Nos. 46191, 46181, 47590 & 47620: 06.09.2025 (up to 4.00 PM).

3) Date of opening Technical Bid of Tender through KPP Portal for works of Indent No.: 18983/Call-4: 15.09.2025 (at 4.30 PM), Date of opening Technical Bid of Tender through KPP Portal for works of remaining Indent Nos. 46191, 46181, 47590 & 47620: 08.09.2025 (at 4.30 PM).

4) Date of opening Financial Bid of Tender through KPP Portal for works of Indent No.: 18983/Call-4: 17.09.2025 (at 4.30 PM), Date of opening Financial Bid of Tender through KPP Portal for works of remaining Indent Nos. 46191, 46181, 47590 & 47620: 09.09.2025 (at 4.30 PM).

5) Grant: SBM 2.0 and Mahanagara Palike General Fund Grant for the year 2025-26.

Note: Further details can be obtained through KPP Portal and other details can be obtained from the Notice Board of the Office and any kind of changes or corrigendum related to the Tender will be intimated through KPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahanagara Palike, Shivamogga.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/ 126/08/817

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (MPED-C), BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No.EE(MPED-C)/TEND/02/2025-26 Date: 29-08-2025

Tender Notification
(Two Cover System) (through KPP Portal)
(website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

The Executive Engineer (MPED-C), BBMP and Special Commissioner (Revenue/ Estate) BBMP invites Proposals through KPP Portal from eligible bidders for Long term leasing of BBMP Vacant Corner Land Plot on JC Road, Bengaluru for Development of Commercial Establishment.

All interested bidders shall submit their Technical and Commercial/Financial bids electronically through KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

The tender schedule is as mentioned below.

(1) Subject: Operation of BBMP Padel Court in Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru. Tender Notification No. **EE(MPED-C)/TEND/02/2025-26. (2)** Date from which bid document is ready for download through Karntaka Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in: 30.08.2025 from 11:00 a.m. (3)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting and Venue : **04.09.2025 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Office of the Special Commissioner (Revenue and Estate), BBMP Head Office Premises, 1st Floor, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002. **(4)** Last Date for seeking clarification if any : **03.09.2025 at 3:00 p.m. (5)** Last Date and Time for uploading of tender in KPP Portal Platform: **10.09.2025 up to 5:00 p.m. (6)** Date and Time of opening of tenders: Technical Bid & Technical Evaluation: **11.09.2025 at 5:30 p.m. (7)** Date and Time of opening of tenders: Commercial Bid of Technically qualified bidders (if possible): Immediately after the uploading of Technical Bid Evaluation. **(8)** Contact Person for queries: Deputy Commissioner (Estate), **Mobile: 9480683456, E-mail: bbmpestate@gmail.com. (9)** Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for Communication: **Office of the Deputy Commissioner (Estate) BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002. (10)** EMD Amount: **Rs.2,67,000** paid in KPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (MPED-C), BBMP.

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
(YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN-U40101KA2009PLC049582

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

RPCL invites Two part tenders through GoK e-procurement platform **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from reputed agencies having valid OEM/OES/manufacturer/Authorised Dealer / Electrical License of Class I & above, having experience in the field of similar works for the following works. **1) No.: KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3330**: Extension of 11kV double circuit station power supply to 11KV substation in order to disconnect GESCOM power supply inside YTPS. **2) No.: KPCL/2025-26/EL/ WORK_INDENT 3323**: Supply and laying of 3.5C x 35 Sq.mm LT UG cable to buffer end for providing uninterrupted power supply AAQMS station inside YTPS. **3) No.: KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3354**: Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 9 mtr street Light poles along with illuminaries from gate-2 to RSMY railway track via ODY turning and other internal roads inside YTPS. **4) No.: KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3356**: Extension of F5 11KV HT and 415V LT Power supply line from RSMY in motion weigh bridge to SILO gate inside YTPS. **5) No.: KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3353**: Transportation, Erection, Alignment, testing and Commissioning for new 11kV 3.8MW CGL make HT Motor in place of existing BHEL CWP motor 2D and releasing the existing BHEL motor along with providing expert services for overhauling. **6) No.: KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 3373**: Rectification of Existing Network infrastructure at YTPS and extension of LAN Connectivity to Goal Bhavan Building and Security office at Gate -3. Last date for receipt of tenders: **11.09.2025.** Further details can be had from Executive Engineer(E-1), RPCL, YTPS, Yermarus - 584 134, Raichur Dist., Karnataka., Mobile : 9480682551.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT "e"TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPCL invites Bidsin two covers through GoK KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the reputed bidders for the following works.

SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS

1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT2802/CALL-5, Date: 25.08.2025, Installing, Testing and implementation of Auto-Reclosure scheme for Numerical Relays of Lines at 220KV Switchyard of Sharavathy Generating Station. EMD: **Rs.14,438/-.** Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (Controls),** Mobile No.: **91416 11886.**

2) KPCL/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT3302, Date: 25.08.2025, Supply, installation, testing, commissioning, replacement and retrofitting of 10 Nos. new Soft starters for 110KW/150HP Cooling water pump motors of Sharavathy Generating Station. EMD: **Rs. 54,612/-.**

3) KPCL/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT3313, Date: 29.08.2025, Replacement of two Nos. very old 110KW/150MP capacity standby cooling water pump along with motors at Sharavathy Generating Station. EMD: **Rs. 50,000/-.** Last Date and Time for on-line submission of tenders: or Sl. No. 1 & 2, **08.09.2025 upto 16:30 Hrs.** and or Sl. No. 3: **12.09.2025 upto 16:30 Hrs.** Further details contact: For Sl. No. 2 & 3, **Executive Engineer (Turbine),** Jog, Sharavathy Generating Station, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District. Mobile No.: **94495 98802.**

MAHATHMA GANDHI HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER HOUSE

1) KPCL/2024-25/PM/WORK_INDENT2239/CALL-5, Date: 25.08.2025. Design, fabrication, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of one number each new slip ring set for 2 units of 2nd stage generator at MGHE Power House. EMD: **Rs. 27,060/-.**

2) KPCL/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT3258, Date: 25.08.2025. Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Digital MW Meters and Multi Function Meters at MGHE Power House, EMD: **Rs. 12,400/-.** Last Date and Time for on-line submission of tenders: For Sl. No. 1, **10.09.2025 upto 11:00 Hrs.** and or Sl. No. 2: **09.09.2025 upto 11:00 Hrs.** Further details contact: **Executive Engineer (EM&O)**MGHE, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District. Mobile No.: **91416 09697. E-mail: eeemghejog@gmail.com.** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

'Prominent city landmark will be named after Ramakrishna Hegde'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday assured that a prominent location in Bengaluru will soon be named after former Chief Minister Ramakrishna Hegde, in recognition of his contributions to the city and the state.

D.K. Shivakumar

Speaking at the 99th birth anniversary celebrations of Ramakrishna Hegde at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Mr. Shivakumar said, "Ramakrishna Hegde's name must remain forever. After discussions with all of you, one day, a prominent place in Bengaluru will be named after him. I am committed to this."

> Ramakrishna Hegde's speech during the debate on telephone tapping was one of the finest I have ever witnessed

Recalling his memories from the Assembly, the Deputy Chief Minister described Ramakrishna Hegde as an outstanding parliamentarian.

"His speech during the debate on telephone tapping was one of the finest I have ever witnessed," the Deputy Chief Minister recalled.

'Role in city's growth'

Highlighting Ramakrishna Hegde's role in shaping modern Bengaluru, Mr. Shivakumar said the city's growth into a global hub for technology and industry was partly due to the former Chief Minister's decision to permit engineering colleges during his tenure.

"It enabled Bengaluru to achieve success in industry and technology. It was also during Ramakrishna Hegde's time as Finance Minister that Cauvery water was brought to Bengaluru. Now we are working on the sixth stage of the project," the Deputy Chief Minister added.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
Revenue Department, M. S. Building, Bengaluru

NO: E-RD 176 GRC 2025 **Date: 25.08.2025**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the report of the Superintendent of Police, CT&R Division and Nodal Officer CID Bengaluru and after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita, is involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita, Bengaluru and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA and Competent Authority for Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita, Bengaluru and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong to Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita.

Therefore, the Government hereby attaches the immovable properties as specified in the Annexure 1 and 2 to this order believed to have been acquired by the Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita, either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita, and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid immovable properties from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forth with vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department (Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

Annexure-1

Details of the immovable properties belonging to President/CEO of Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita, Bengaluru

Sl. No.	Schedule Property details	Seller	Purchaser	Registration No. and date	Market Value	Remarks
1	**SCHEDULE-A** All that Piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No. 9/1, PID No. 5-19-9/1, Old No. 9, situated at 16th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003, measuring East to West: 35'-0" feet and North to South: 50'-0" feet, and bounded on the: East by: Property belongs to Sri D Rajan West by: 2nd Temple Road North by: 16th Cross Road South by: Private Property **SCHEDULE-B** All that piece and parcel of the 1/5th undivided share, title interest in the Land comprised Schedule 'A' property bearing Flat No. 9/1, on the FIRST FLOOR in the Residential Apartment, situated at 16th 'A' Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, Flat constricted on the Schedule 'A' property in all measuring Super built up area of 790 Square Feet, with Marble Flooring, cement and Bricks used for construction of walls, jungle wood used for doors and steel windows together with proportionate share in common areas, passages, staircases and other areas of common use and a car parking slot in the Ground Floor.	D Rajan S/o late Doreswamy	V R Rajesh S/o Ramamurthy	MLS-1-00630-2008-09, 26-09-2008	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation	Presently Khatha stands in the name of Rajesh V.R., CEO of Financial Establishment. Deposit of Title Deed (DTD) in Swarna Bharathi Sahakari Bank
2	**SCHEDULE-A** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 9, situated at 16th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, and measuring: East to West : 35-0 Feet, North to South : 50-0 Feet, and bounded on as follows:- East by: Property belongs to Sri. D Rajan West by: 2nd Temple Road North by: 16th Cross Road South by: Private property **SCHEDULE-B** All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat No. 9/4 (Old No.9) having a property PID No. 5-19-9/4, on the Second Floor and along with 1/5th undivided share, title, interest in the land comprised Schedule 'A' property, in the Residential Apartment building known as "AMRUTHA VARSHINI", situated at 16th 'A' Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru. Flat constructed on Schedule A property, in all measuring super built up 430 Sq.ft, with marble flooring, cement and bricks, jungle wood used for doors and steel windows together with proportionate share in common areas, passages, staircases and other areas of common use and a car parking slot in the Ground Floor in Schedule A property.	D Rajan S/o late Doreswamy	Nagavalli B S W/o Rajesh V R	MLS-1-02768-2015-16, 13-11-2015	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation.	Presently Khatha stands in the name of Nagavalli B S., President of Financial Establishment. DTD in Swarna Bharathi Sahakari Bank.
3	**SCHEDULE-A** All that piece and parcel of Portion of Sy.No. 182/2 V.P Khatha No. 136/2/182/2, measuring an extent of 14.5 (Fourteen and Half) Guntas (15790.5 Sft) converted for non agricultural Residential purpose as per official memorandum bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (S): 357/2003-04, dated: 07-02-2004 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore measuring East to West on the Northern side 94.11 feet (28.925 Meters) on the Southern side 116.2 feet (35.414 Meters) and North to South: On Eastern side: 129.8 Feet (39.518 Meters) on the Western side: 210.10 Feet (64.267 Meters) in all measuring 15790 sq. Feet (1.5) Guntas situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore and bounded as follows and bounded on:- East Halla and Land Comprised in Sy.No. 183 West: Remaining portion of land retained by Smt. Leela Rajanna in Sy.No. 182/2 North: Road and Land comprised i Sy.No.181 South Land comprised in Sy.No. 183 **SCHEDULE-B** 397.61 sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule-A above **SCHEDULE-C** Flat bearing No. FF-413, in the FOURTH Floor, measuring about 1587 Sq.ft super built up area, containing 3 Bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring along with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "SRI SHANKARA MEADOWS" constructed over Schedule "A" property.	1. Smt. M Manjula W/o Sri B Muniramaswamy 2. Sri Shailesh Ramani S/o Sri Premji Ramani M/s Adithya Shelters Registered office at : Sy no 182/2, O.B Chudhalli Road, Kaggalipura Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore Rpresented by its Managing Partner: Sri Shailesh Ramani	Nagavalli B S W/o Rajesh V R	BSK-1-07668-2015-16, 13-10-2015	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation.	Purchased by Smt. Nagavalli B S., President of Financial Establishment. DTD in Swarna Bharathi Sahakari Bank

Annexure-2

Details of the Mortgaged immovable properties in the name of Financial Establishment Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamita, Bengaluru

Sl. No.	Mortgagee	Mortgagor	Property Details	Deed Number and Date	Mortgage Value (Rs.)	Remarks
1	Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pathina Sahakari Niyamitha, No.296, 1st Floor, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Opp: Masala Hotel, Basaveshwaranagara Branch, Bengaluru-79 Represented by its President B.S Nagavalli	Smt. J R Sujatha W/o Madhava G Residing at No.39/3, Govardhan Garden, Yelachenahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-62	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.39/3, in the Khatha No. 212, Govardhan Garden, Yelachenahalli, Bengaluru measuring East to West 60-0 feet and North to South 32.5 feet and bounded on : East by : Shivashankara's property West by : Road North by : Leelamma's property South by : Revathi's property	BSK-1-09864-2018-19, 29-10-2018	1200000.00	A loan of Rs. 1200000/- was obtained at an interest rate of 16% by pledging the property in the name of the FE through DTD (Deposit of Title Deed)
2	Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pathina Sahakari Niyamitha, No.470, Dakshayani Arcade, 1st Floor, 12th Cross, 2nd Phase, H-Road, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwari Nagara, Bengaluru-98 Represented by its President	Smt. T Soundarya W/o Sri M Narayana Residing at No. 21/A, 6th Cross, Kenchenahalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagara, Bengaluru-98	All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No. 168, Old assessment No.338, Old khatha No. 338, situated at Kenchenahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, private layout formed by REMCO (BHEL) House-building Co-operative Society Ltd., the property comes under Rajarajeshwarinagar Nagara Sabhe and CMC Khatha No.338/168/415 and presently comes under BBMP, New BBMP Khatha No. 71/338/168/415/71, measuring East to West : 56'-0" (Fifty six) feet, North to South : 30'-0" (Thirty) feet, totally measuring 1680 Sq.ft, and bounded on : East by : Private Property West by : Road North by : Site No. 169 South by : Site No. 167	RRN-1-04253-2020-21, 12-11-2020	7500000.00	A loan of Rs. 7500000/- was obtained at an interest rate of 18% by pledging the property in the name of the FE through DTD
3	Siri Vaibhava Souharda Pathina Sahakari Niyamitha, No.470, Dakshayani Arcade, 1st Floor, 12th Cross, 2nd Phase, H-Road, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwari Nagara, Bengaluru-98 Represented by its President	Sri Mutturaju G S/o Sri Govindaraju S and Smt Sunitha Govindaraju Residing at No.307, Anjaneya Temple Street, 6th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-82	All that piece and parcel of the immovable house property bearing BDA site No. 580, BBMP Khatha No.580, PID No. 56-81-580, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at Bhavaninagar Slum Area of Banashankari 2nd Stage Extension, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Old Ward No.56, now new ward No. 180, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 10 Mtrs, North to South 6.8 mtrs totally measuring 68 Sq.mtrs, and bounded on : East by : Slum property West by : Road North by : Property No. 581 South by : Property No. 579	RRN-1-04911-2019-20, 20-09-2019	1000000.00	A loan of Rs. 1000000/- was obtained at an interest rate of 16% by pledging the property in the name of the FE through DTD

Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government
Revenue Department (Services-1,SSLR & Special Cell)

DIPR/CP/JA/2546/2025-26

Teen pregnancy case: Rules stipulate regular health checks, record maintenance

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

Rules stipulate that health check-up of students should be done once in 15 days. REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

While a Class IX student delivering a child in the washroom of a government-run residential school in Yadgir district on Wednesday has sent shockwaves, the incident also highlights violations of rules laid down in 2022 by the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS).

The circular dated April 4, 2022, issued by the KREIS, under which the government residential schools are run for students from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBC communities, states explicitly that staff nurses should conduct health check-ups of students once in 15 days and inform the principal, warden and parents if they show symptoms of any health issues. It also stipulates that principals should maintain a medical register and update it periodically.

In the present incident, the girl's pregnancy went unnoticed by all, including the staff nurse, until the girl gave birth to a baby in the school's washroom. Sources said that these rules were not strictly followed in this residential school.

Special care of girls

The rules particularly stipulate that attention should be paid to girl students and they should be educated on menstrual hygiene and related issues. The rules state, "Particularly for the care of girl students, the principal should set up a committee comprising a staff nurse, a warden and teachers designated as counsellors. They should hold meetings periodically and record minutes of the meeting." As per the rules, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) doctors should visit these residential schools at least four times a year, hold medical checks, record them and also instruct the staff nurse on the care of students. It further states that departmental officials, during inspections, should compulsorily check these health records.

KREIS has stated that it framed these guidelines following some "untoward incidents" in a few institutions under its purview and cited reports from Vijayapura, Kodagu, and Uttara Kannada districts.

Accused in custody

Meanwhile, the police are learnt to have taken the prime accused in the case into custody.

Delay in appointment of guest faculty hits classes in govt. degree colleges

Over 11,000 guest faculty members were relieved on August 2, and since then, there have been no regular classes for many subjects in several colleges across the State

Sathish G.T.
SHIVAMOGGA

With the current semester ending by October, and the exams scheduled for November, the time left to cover the syllabus is insufficient. FILE PHOTO

Students of government degree colleges in Karnataka are facing a tough time as there are no faculty members to take classes. Delay in recruiting the guest faculty members for the academic year 2025-26 has left the colleges in the chaos.

The Department of Collegiate Education relieved over 11,000 guest faculty members on August 2, and since then there have been no regular classes for many subjects in colleges across the State. In many colleges with over 1,000 students, there are only a few permanent faculty members. They find it impossible to handle classes for all, they say. "In some colleges, there are no permanent faculty members to take classes pertaining to subjects like commerce, computer science, and business management. Such courses are run completely depending upon guest faculty members. How can a permanent faculty member teaching history engage computer science students?" asked a lecturer in a government college in Shivamogga.

The students have spent almost a month without classes in many subjects. The current semester will end by October, and they have to appear for examinations in November. The time left to cover the syllabus is insufficient.

Somashekhar H. Shimoggi, State president of coordination committee of guest faculty in government colleges, said that the government delayed the recruitment of guest faculty member citing a pending case before the High Court. "A group of people have moved the court demanding that only those meeting the qualification as per UGC guidelines be appointed as guest faculty. The issue is being heard in the court. However, there are people who have served for decades as guest faculty. They have no alternative jobs if they are not continued as guest faculty," he said. Even as the matter is being heard in court, the government should have recruited the guest faculty member subject to the court's final order to avoid inconvenience to students, he opined. The guest faculty members of government degree colleges have decided to take out a 'Mysuru chalo' rally on to put pressure on the government not to discriminate against them on the basis of UGC norms. They will take out a protest march in Mysuru, the home district of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Mr. Shimoggi said the protesters would demand an increase in their honorarium, an annual health insurance scheme, leave facilities, financial benefits after attaining 60 years, six months' maternity leave and weightage based on service at the time of appointment.

FIR over false claim of DKS's expulsion from Congress

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru police have booked the individual managing the Janata Dal (Secular) party's official X account for allegedly using a fake All India Congress Committee (AICC) letterhead to spread misinformation.

On August 26, the JD(S) shared a purported image of a letter bearing the AICC name at the top, which falsely claimed that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had been expelled from the Congress party.

Following this post, a 60-year-old lawyer, identified as Dhananjaya, lodged a complaint at the High Grounds police station. Based on his complaint, police registered an FIR under the IT Act and Sections 351(1)(6) (criminal intimidation) and 353(20) (statements likely to cause public mischief) of the BNS.

In his complaint, Dhananjaya stated that the JD (S) had misused a fake AICC letterhead to spread false information.

The High Grounds police have taken up the case and launched a probe.

Transfer of public servants at the instance of members of legislature not illegal when there exists complaint: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that transfer of public servants will not be vitiated merely because it was made at the instance of members of legislature, but depends on the facts and circumstance of transfer of each individual case, the High Court has upheld State government's decision of transferring a tahsildar at the instance of Bangarpet MLA.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice S.G. Pandit and Justice K.V. Aravind, passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by S. Venkateshwappa, who was transferred from the post of tahsildar (grade-1), Bangarpet taluk in Kolar district on a letter written by the MLA to the Revenue Minister in December 2024.

Complaints from public

The MLA stated in his letter that complaints were received from the local public that the petitioner-tahsildar, who assumed charge in July 2024, was not coming to office in time and he was also not responding to the grievances of the public.

On the other hand, the petitioner-tahsildar had said that his transfer was not only premature but was vitiated as it was based on recommendations by the MLA with whom he had raised certain differences over some issues in the meeting of the *bagair hukum* committee held in November 2024.

It was also claimed that the issue of why he was not in his seat when the Deputy Commissioner visited his officer in August 2024, was closed by accepting his explanation of being on field duty.

However, the Bench noted that premature transfer was permissible with the approval of the Chief Minister and this procedure was followed in the case of the petitioner.

Reference to SC verdict

While citing the apex court's verdict in which it held that "there can be no hard-and-fast rule that every transfer at the instance of an MP or MLA would be vitiated" but depended on facts of individual case as it was the duty of the elected representatives in the legislature to express grievances of the people, the Bench said that in the present case the MLA had brought to the government's notice about the complaints from the public against the petitioner-tahsildar.

CM joins Rahul's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the 'Vote Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar on Friday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his loyal Ministers and leaders on Friday participated in the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' undertaken by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at Gopalganj in Bihar.

Ministers G. Parameshwara, Satish Jarkiholi, B.Z. Zameer Ahmed, K.J. George and MLCs B.K. Hariprasad, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Salim Ahmed, Chief Minister's legal adviser and MLA A.S. Ponnanna and Chief Minister's political secretary Nazir Ahmed also participated.

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC chief D.K. Shivakumar, along with others, participated in Mr. Gandhi's yatra last week to express solidarity with him.

Poll by year-end

The Bihar Legislative Assembly polls are scheduled to be held this year-end, and the Congress has been making allegations of electoral fraud during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as its major electoral plank.

The ruling JD(U)-BJP alliance in Bihar, on the other hand, has alleged that Mr. Gandhi has been misleading the public by spreading false narratives.

KAT gets 'Officiating Chairman'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Friday issued an official notification appointing S.Y. Watawati, currently a Judicial Member of the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal (KAT), as the 'Officiating Chairman' of the tribunal. The appointment will come into effect from September 9.

BJP asks if Congress will act against CM for comment on his 1991 'illegal' poll defeat

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's statement that he was defeated illegally in 1991 Lok Sabha polls appears to have put the ruling Congress in an embarrassing situation with the BJP interpreting it as the Congress indulging in "poll malpractices" back then.

Contrasting this with the ongoing campaign of the Congress against "vote theft", the BJP has wondered if the Congress high command would take action against Mr. Siddaramaiah on the lines of its sacking Minister K.N. Rajanna for speaking against its campaign.

While felicitating senior advocate and former chairperson of the Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission Ravivarma Kumar on completing 50 years of service in the field of law on Thursday, the Chief Minister had said that he had been defeated "illegally" in the 1991 Lok Sabha polls from Koppal and that Mr. Ravivarma Kumar had fought his case.

Defeated by Congress

Responding to this, Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok pointed out that Mr. Siddaramaiah, then in the undivided Janata Dal, had been defeated by Congress candidate Basavaraj Patil Anwari in 1991.

Social media post

In a social media post, Mr. Ashok asked how Mr. Siddaramaiah could attend the Congress's rally against "vote theft" when he himself had accused the Congress of indulging in poll malpractices earlier.

He wondered if the Congress would act against Mr. Siddaramaiah too for his statement on poll malpractices against it on the lines of how it had acted against Mr. Rajanna of the Scheduled Tribe community.

S.T. Kavya is new BMCRI Dean-cum-Director

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Government has appointed S.T. Kavya as the new Dean-cum-Director of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI).

In an order issued on August 28, the government relieved K. Rameshkrishna, who had been holding the in-charge post for over three years, citing administrative reasons.

Dr. Kavya, who is currently serving as Professor in the Department of Medicine at BMCRI, will assume charge with immediate effect and continue until further orders, the order stated.

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No: DGM-1/BSWML/PR/194/2025-26 Date: 29.08.2025

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

Name of work: "Supply, Installations, Commissioning and Operation & Maintenance of Shredders and Chopper along with Infrastructure at selected locations in BBMP limits"

1. The details of the EOI can be taken or downloaded the Government of Karnataka Public Procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ from **29.08.2025.**
2. Last date (deadline) to receive the response is: **05.09.2025** upto **4.00** PM through KPP portal.
3. Date of opening of responses is **06.09.2025** after **4.30** PM through KPP portal.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1,
BSWML, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2541/CCL/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our clients Sri. Venkatesh L., Smt. Chaitanya Smruthi and Sri. Lokesh A., all are residents of Bangalore, intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder (the Schedule Property) from Smt. Ashwini Seetharam D/o Late. Seetharam Karkal, Residents of '1130, 18th Main, 1st stage, 5th Block, HBR Layout, kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043 who has represented to be the absolute owner thereof with an absolute right of alienation over the same. Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, or interest in the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents thereof, within seven days (7 days) from the date of this Notice, after which period our Client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property from the aforesaid owner on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, or any objections for the sale of the Schedule Property by the said owners in favour of our Client.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Property)

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the residential vacant Site bearing No.62, presently under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike E- PID No.2601353484, old BDA khatah bearing No.BDA/68/2000-01, dated 22-05-2001, BBMP ward No.128 (Nagarabhavi), measuring East to West 30 feet (9.14 meter) and North to South 40½ feet (12.34 meter), together measuring in total 1215 Square Feet (112.88 square meter), the said site/plot carved from residential layout formed by the Karnataka Income Tax Department House Building Co-operative Society Limited, formed on lands in survey Nos.48/9, 48/12, 48 (P), 54/1 and 79 of Nagarabhavi Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the: East by: The Site bearing No.61; West by: The Site bearing No.63; North by: Private Layout; South by: Road.

Place: Bangalore Date:30.08.2025

PRAVEEN KUMAR H B., ADVOCATE
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No;TMCK/15th Fiance20-21/21-22/22-23 /kurugodu Date: 28.08.2025

E-Tender notification

The Chief officer TMC Kurugodu on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites Tenders in two cover bid under e-tendering system in KPPP website: http://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in As per Karnataka Transparency in public Procurement Act-1999 rule 2000 from authorised contractor.

SLNo	Name Of Work	Estimated Value
01	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 38248/call-2 CAT-2A	77.26L

Last date for recept of tender: 12.09.2025 4.30pm and. Date of tender opening: 13.09.2025 5.30pm .The further details of the tender can be obtained from this office during office hours or by logging on to the office E-Mail http://www.kurugodutown.mrc.gov.in

DIPR/Ballari/409/KSMCA/2025-26

Sd/- Chief Officer
TMC, Kurugodu

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.49, 4th & 5th Floor, East Wing, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560001.
Phone No. 080-22267905, Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/JDTP/EIA/ETND-EC-06/307/2025-26 Date: 29-08-2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER TO PROVIDE CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR OBTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE (EC)

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender under two cover systems for providing consultancy services from Environmental Consultant of NABET under 7(c) category with NABET & NABL Accredited Consultant/ NABET consultancy MoU with NABL Accredited Consultant are eligible to participate in this tenders.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Providing Consultancy Services for preparing EIA, SIS studies etc., to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)/ Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and Consent for Establishment (CFE) from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and submission of Half yearly compliance report for all the conditions of EC & CFE for 3 years for the Sanjeevrayanakote Industrial Area Phase-2, Sanjeevrayanakote village, Ballari Taluk, Ballari District in an extent of 492.39 Acres.(2nd call)	2.00
2	Providing Consultancy Services for preparing EIA, SIS studies etc., to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)/ Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and Consent for Establishment (CFE) from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and submission of Half yearly compliance report for all the conditions of EC & CFE for 3 years for the Chandrabanda Industrial Area, Chandrabanda, Kurubadoddai and Singanodi villages, Raichuru Taluk, Raichuru District in an extent of 672.82 Acres.(3rd call)	2.00

Applicants may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal
https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Scheduled of date are as follows: **Last date for submission of Tender: 10-09-2025 up to 4.00 pm**

Sd/- Chief Engineer-2
KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/YC/2528/2025-26

Promote effective bio-control means of pest management: Chouhan to scientists

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing concern over the indiscriminate use of pesticides, which is resulting in environmental pollution and affecting soil health, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chohan, on Friday called upon scientists to promote effective bio-control means of pest management.

The Minister, who visited the ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR) in Bengaluru, emphasised the concept of 'live and let live' in the management of insect pests through such bio-control means.

The Minister, who visited the National Insect Museum and Live Insect Repository at the NBAIR, promised the scientists of backing them in their efforts to promote biocontrol measures.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan taking a look at the posters during his visit to the ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Use of parasitoids

He suggested to the scientists to use effective parasitoids (an insect whose larvae live as parasites on single hosts and eventually kill their hosts), predators and entomopathogens (microorganisms that can cause disease in insects) for the management of insect pests, to reduce the environmental pollution, and to improve soil health.

He expressed concern over the indiscriminate use of pesticides and the management of emerging pests, such as the pink bollworm in Bt cotton.

He commended the institute's contribution to sustainable pest management through biological control approaches.

The Minister also interacted with scientists, students, farmers and entrepreneurs on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, S.N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, noted that the Bureau's National Insect Museum, designated as the National Repository under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, preserves over 4.1 lakh insect specimens.

Live insect repository

The Institute also has India's richest live insect repository, maintaining 137 species/strains, supporting biological control labs and academic institutions, he said.

With Godavari in spate, A.P. officials issue flood warning

Water level likely to rise further; moderate to heavy rain expected in north coastal regions; low-lying areas face risk of inundation; rice and pulses being distributed to tribal habitations

Rajulapudi Srinivas
ELURU

The Irrigation Department officials in Andhra Pradesh issued the first flood warning for the Godavari river as the water level at Bhadrachalam in Telangana reached 44 feet by Friday night.

Due to heavy rain in the catchment areas, the water level is rising and it may increase further, the Central Water Commission (CWC) officials said. "The Revenue, Police, Medical and Health, ITDA, AP-Transco, National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, Panchayat Raj have been put on high alert," said an officer.

Filled to the brim: With heavy rain in many areas, Prakasam Barrage on the Krishna in Vijayawada has got good inflow. K.V.S. GIRI

Eluru Collector K. Vetri Selvi said rice, pulses and other essentials have been distributed for three months in the Agency habitations. Speaking to *The Hindu* on Friday, Jangareddygudem Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) M.V. Ramana said the flood level is likely to reach the second warning level (48 feet) at Bhadrachalam on Saturday. "The officers posted on flood duty have been instructed to take evacuate people from the low-lying areas, if possible," Ms. Ramana said.

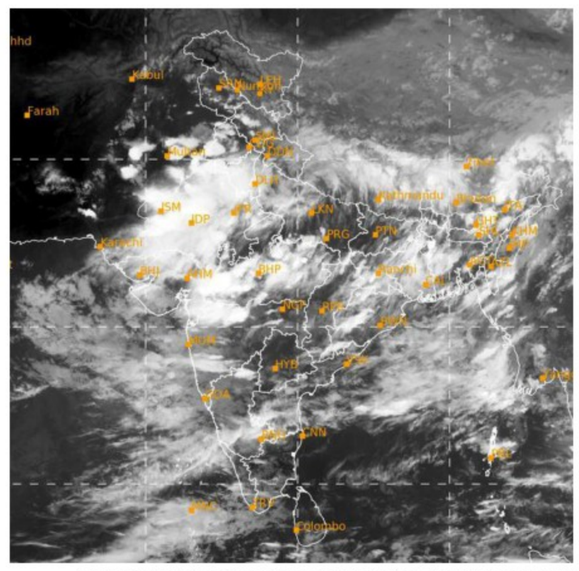
"At 8 p.m., the water level in the Godavari stood at 43.30 feet, and the officials released 9.46 lakh cusecs of water downstream," the Irrigation officials said.

Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) Managing Director Prakhar Jain said at Prakasam Barrage on the Krishna River, the inflows and outflows were maintained at 3,38,572 cusecs.

APSDMA officials said moderate to heavy rainfall was likely to occur in Alluri Sitharama Raju, Parvatipuram-Manyam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts in the next 24 hours.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.3	25.8	Kozhikode	53	27.8	23.4
Ahmedabad	39	31.4	24.1	Kurnool	11	32.5	23.8
Aizawl	—	27.8	20.8	Lucknow	—	34.5	27.5
Allahabad	—	34.0	27.0	Madurai	—	40.5	27.6
Bengaluru	16.1	28.1	20.2	Mangaluru	142.1	25.8	22.4
Bhopal	11	32.0	23.8	Mumbai	20	29.8	25.0
Bhubaneswar	—	33.2	25.5	Mysuru	4	28.0	20.0
Chandigarh	36	31.6	23.7	New Delhi	—	30.2	26.2
Chennai	—	35.6	28.2	Patna	0.2	34.0	28.5
Coimbatore	4	32.8	22.0	Port Blair	—	30.5	26.1
Dehradun	38	30.6	23.5	Puducherry	—	36.6	26.4
Gangtok	3	20.6	17.8	Pune	19.6	27.9	23.6
Goa	37	26.2	24.2	Raipur	0.5	32.8	25.4
Guwahati	0.6	34.2	25.6	Ranchi	7	30.1	22.4
Hubballi	—	25.0	22.0	Shillong	21	23.5	18.0
Hyderabad	2	29.5	21.7	Shimla	5	25.2	19.5
Imphal	—	29.8	22.8	Srinagar	—	30.7	16.6
Jaipur	3	30.7	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	5	30.8	24.3
Kochi	22	28.4	24.0	Tiruchi	—	37.5	26.8
Kohima	5	22.0	18.9	Vijayawada	0.4	32.2	25.2
Kolkata	10	32.8	27.0	Visakhapatnam	26	30.4	25.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	54	105	28	60	
Bengaluru	10	48	60	—	89	
Chennai	2	19	—	43	115	
Delhi	8	21	41	124	167	
Hyderabad	20	20	21	52	73	
Kolkata	4	83	21	43	40	
Lucknow	11	35	59	68	70	
Mumbai	12	25	56	46	63	
Pune	—	26	75	36	50	
Visakhapatnam	16	45	18	55	83	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Agartala, Tripura recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 331 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 6

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Man arrested for killing daughter over her relationship with boy from different caste

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

In a case of suspected honour killing, three members of a family, including the girl's father, were arrested at Melkunda (B) village in Kalaburagi district on Thursday on the charge of strangling her over her love affair with a boy from the same village but belonging to different caste.

The victim's father, Shankar S. Kollur, her uncle's son, Sharanappa Mahalingappa Kollur, and a relative Dattappa Cholabardi, were arrested.

The accused family members strangled her to death after forcing her to consume pesticide. They tried to pass it off as suicide.

In a bid to destroy evidence, the accused family members cremated the body in Mahalingappa's agriculture field early on Thursday morning.

The victim was identified as Kavita.

According to police reports and sources in the village, Kavita was in a relationship with a local autorickshaw driver Malappa Pujari belonging to a different caste. They were planning to elope, the sources said.

The family members were upset over Kavita's decision of choosing love over social approval. On Wednesday night, there were heated arguments between family members and Kavita. When the argument took a violent turn, the family members held her captive in a room and strangled her to death.

The Farhatabad Police registered a *suo motu* FIR and visited the agriculture field where the victim's body was cremated.

The police team also collected bone fragments, soil samples and other material from the site.

INBRIEF

Telangana CM pushes for facial recognition systems

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed Education Department officials to make facial recognition systems mandatory for students and teachers in all educational institutions, schools, colleges, universities and institutions offering professional courses. Deployment of facial recognition systems would enhance the quality of education and help in addressing shortcomings, if any, in the system, the Chief Minister said at a meeting with senior officials to review the functioning of the department here on Friday.

ADM's death: plea for probe transferred to sessions court

A petition filed by Manjusha,wife of former Kannur Additional District Magistrate (ADM) K. Naveen Babu, seeking further investigation into his death was transferred from the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court to District Sessions Court on Friday. The order was issued after the court accepted a plea by K. Viswan, counsel for the former district panchayat president P.P. Divya. Kannur Judicial First Class Magistrate Mohammed Ali Shahshad stated that the higher court will decide if a fresh probe is necessary.

Passenger arrested with bullets at airport in Telangana

A 32-year-old passenger from Punjab was arrested at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, in Telangana on Thursday after security personnel found eight live bullets from his checked-in baggage. The passenger, Sukhdeep Singh of Bhawanigarh, was scheduled to travel to Amritsar via Delhi on Indigo flights when the ammunition was detected during screening. Mr. Singh, who failed to produce a valid arms or ammunition licence, was handed over to the police. A case has been registered under Section 25(1B)(a) of the Arms Act, 1959.

Grand send-off

Vibrant colours: Artistes taking part in an idol immersion procession on the concluding day of the three-day Ganesha festival, at the Idgah Maidan in Hubballi on Friday. KIRAN BAKALE

Mysuru MP wants Banu Mushtaq to clarify stance on goddess

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Mysuru MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has said that writer Banu Mushtaq should clarify her stance on Goddess Bhuvaneshwari who represents Kannada and is revered across Karnataka.

The writer had questioned the manner in which the language was deified and worshipped as a goddess, at a conference a few years ago.

The MP had earlier stated that he had no objection to the writer inaugurating Mysuru Dasara atop Chamundi Hills; but his stance was seen as different from his party position and raised eyebrows.

But the MP said here on Friday that he was not aware of the writer's remarks on Goddess Bhuvaneshwari which she had made in the past.

"Having reviewed her old speech, I want her to clarify her position on the subject and if she has issues with it then I will oppose her inaugurating the Dasara festival," said Mr. Wadiyar. "She should either clarify her statement or withdraw it. If she does neither, I will oppose it," he added. In reply to a question, Mr. Wadiyar said that he was not questioning her religious beliefs or practices but want her to respect the religious beliefs and traditions of others.

Probe expedited into fake voter ID case against Kerala MLA

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Crime Branch of the Kerala Police appears to have expedited its two-year-old investigation in a case concerning the allegedly widespread use of "bogus Election Commission (EC) voter identity cards to rig" the 2023 online State Youth Congress election in "favour of the winning faction" led by MLA Rahul Mamkootathil.

The sedate inquiry gathered pace on Friday after a "Zero First Information Report" was filed to take cognisance of the accusations of sexually predatory behaviour, online stalking, and coercion to terminate pregnancy swirling around Mr. Mamkootathil.

On Friday, Crime Branch sleuths inspected the houses of Kerala Students Union (KSU) and Youth Congress workers in Adoor who were alleged to be Mr. Mamkootathil's political lieutenants in the organisational elections. The Crime Branch has not named Mr. Mamkootathil as an accused in the case. However, it is reportedly poised to summon him for questioning.

Neither the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) nor the Youth Congress has responded to the police raids.

Ice Age-era dragon fly rediscovered

Elusive species *Crocothemis erythraea* spotted in high-altitude regions of southern Western Ghats; it has previously been overlooked owing to its resemblance to *Crocothemis servilia*

Sarath Babu George
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Odonatologists have reconfirmed the presence of the elusive dragonfly species *Crocothemis erythraea* in the high-elevation regions of the southern Western Ghats. The species had previously been misidentified or overlooked in this region due to its close resemblance to the more widespread lowland species *Crocothemis servilia*.

The genus *Crocothemis* in India includes two known species – *C. servilia* and *C. erythraea*. While *C. servilia* is common across lowland areas, *C. erythraea* is known from high-elevation habitats in parts of Europe and Asia, including the Himalayas.

Lost and found: *Crocothemis erythraea.* SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to Kalesh Sadasivan, the lead author of the present study published in the *International Journal of Odonatology*, photographs of a potential *C. erythraea* specimen were taken from the Munnar high ranges during an annual faunal survey in 2018. These records were cited in a 2021 monograph on Kerala's odonata fauna, but later removed from subsequent checklists following skepticism over the species' identification by other researchers.

This prompted multiple field expeditions between 2019 and 2023 in high-altitude sites across the Western Ghats.

The study confirmed that the Western Ghats hosts both the species.

The researchers explain that *C. erythraea* colonised southern India during the Pleistocene Ice Age, when cooler climatic conditions allowed temperate fauna to extend their range southward.

Rational response

India has opted for level-headed action in the wake of U.S. tariffs

The Government of India has so far handled the issue of the 50% tariffs imposed by the U.S. with maturity and pragmatism. Despite provocative statements by senior U.S. government officials, India has refrained from being baited and has instead stuck to its established position. So, while U.S. Trade Adviser Peter Navarro called the Russia-Ukraine war "Modi's war", India has remained calm and has instead been preparing on how to deal with the new reality of 50% tariffs. At the same time, Indian officials have said that negotiations on a trade deal with the U.S., though paused, are not off the table. Even the additional 25% 'penalty' tariff imposed on India is not a deal breaker, they have said, even though it renders any trade deal inconsequential. This is an eminently practical approach. A knee-jerk cessation of trade talks with the U.S. would hurt India further, but the gains from any potential trade deal will also be undone if these penalty tariffs remain in place. The messaging by the government to industry, too, has not been of denial but of reassurance: they know there is pain coming, and a plan is in the works to alleviate it. The solutions seem to be looked at from a suitability point of view, and not for optics. Rather than announce flashy fiscal incentives, the government has demonstrated awareness that such incentives would hardly make a dent in the face of the 50% tariffs for India while competitors face less than half that. Instead, the government is focusing on what it can effectively address, such as the impending liquidity crunch exporters are going to face.

The Centre has been reasonably pragmatic about how to secure the overall economy from the tariff impact as well. Exports make up about one-fifth of India's GDP. The U.S. accounts for about one-fifth of that, and even within that, about 40% of India's exports to the U.S. will not be affected by the 50% tariffs. So, even though the sectoral impact of the tariffs could be quite severe for some sectors, the macroeconomic impact is likely to be limited. The dual approach of rekindling dialogues with China, while also trying to propel domestic consumption through GST rate cuts should, therefore, go a long way in mitigating the hit. There is some talk in the government about easing the norms laid out in the COVID-19-era Press Note 3, which curtails Chinese foreign direct investment in India. This should be encouraged, with adequate guardrails to ensure national security. The Centre and States must also cooperate next week to ensure that the GST rate cuts go through, without compromising too much on the States' fiscal health. Now is the time for level-headed action, not emotional outbursts.

Calm before storm

The fallout from probable job losses needs to be addressed

The four-month high July growth rate of 3.5% in the monthly goods output barometer, the Index of Industrial Production, must have come as a relief a day after India's largest trading partner, the United States, operationalised its punishing "penalty" tariffs of 25% ostensibly for New Delhi's continued oil purchases from Russia. While this July's 3.5% is lower than last July's 5%, a broad-based growth in manufacturing aided by year-on-year (y/y) expansions in capital (5%) intermediate (5.8%) and infrastructure goods (11.9%), suggests that recovery continues to be led by considerable capex spends driven by the government. This is evident from the impressive growth in basic metals (12.7% y/y), electrical equipment (+15.9% y/y), and other non-metallic minerals (led by cement; 9.5% y/y).

What must also come as a relief is the first green shoots of rural demand recovery as both consumer durables (7.7%) and non-durables (0.5%) were positive for the first time in nine months, on the back of a retail inflation of 1.55% aided by a second consecutive month of food price disinflation of - 0.8%, lower than -0.2% in June and 5.1% in July 2024. It is noteworthy that consumer non-durables – food staples and household essentials – have been positive only in four out of the past 12 months, and have consecutively remained negative from December last year till this August in the face of runaway consumer food price inflation that peaked between last September and January this year. While mining activity has contracted for the fourth consecutive month this year, July's -7.2% was a tad better than June's -8.7%, but much worse than last July's 3.8%. The recovery from the massive flooding of coal mines across the mining States of Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Chhattisgarh could be a protracted process, the effects of which would be felt for months. The electricity output in July (0.6%) was marginally better than June (-1.2%), but was much worse that last July's 7.9%. But these numbers may well be the calm before the storm. Tariff-impacted sectors such as textiles (-1.4%), apparels (3.2%), and leather (-3%) have already begun exhibiting signs of stress. The fact that these sectors are labour intensive and heavily dominated by India's MSME sector makes the strain on the economy more acute. While the Centre has promised to address the near-term liquidity concerns of these sectors, the more human fallout of the highly probable large-scale job losses must be addressed if the gains from the historic easing in retail inflation for nine consecutive months are to be leveraged in a sustained manner to maintain, if not expand, consumption demand, and support India's rural economy.

In an unstable world, energy sovereignty is the new oil

Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

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India imports over 85% of its crude oil and more than 50% of its natural gas. This is not just an economic figure. It belongs in our national risk register. As conflict zones multiply, sea lanes narrow and supply chains fragment, every imported barrel becomes a liability.

In this landscape, Russian oil has become India's biggest swing factor. Since 2022, Russia has emerged as the country's single largest supplier, accounting for roughly 35%-40% of total crude imports in 2024-25 – up from barely 2% before the Ukraine war. While discounted barrels have offered temporary relief to the import bill, the heavy concentration also underscores the vulnerability of relying too much on one geopolitical partner. Diversification, not substitution, is the real currency of sovereignty.

In FY2023-24, India's merchandise imports stood at $677 billion. Of this, crude oil and natural gas alone accounted for nearly $170 billion, or over 25% of the total import bill. This outflow of foreign exchange pressures the rupee, inflates the trade deficit, and compromises macroeconomic stability.

In June 2025, the world narrowly avoided a full-blown regional conflict following tensions between Israel and Iran. Had that flashpoint ignited, over 20 million barrels a day of global oil flows would have been threatened. Brent crude prices, already sensitive, could have breached the $103 a barrel mark within days. The war did not begin, but the world came close enough to remember just how fragile its energy lifelines are.

Flashpoints that changed the world

Global energy security has been reshaped by unforeseen shocks. There are five defining moments.

First, the 1973 oil embargo. The Arab oil embargo against the United States and allied nations caused crude prices to quadruple, and exposed the West's overdependence on the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. But it catalysed the creation of strategic petroleum reserves, efficiency mandates, and diversified sourcing strategies.

Second, the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster. A tsunami-induced nuclear meltdown in Japan triggered a global crisis of confidence in nuclear power. However, with emissions rising due to increased coal and gas use, nuclear energy is again regaining favour.

Third, the 2021 Texas Freeze. Extreme cold froze gas pipelines and disabled wind turbines in energy-rich Texas. The event underscored the limits of systems built for cost efficiency rather than resilience and the importance of diversified and weather-hardened infrastructure.

> India needs to act now as tomorrow's most precious resource is not oil but uninterrupted, affordable and indigenous energy

Fourth, the 2022 Russia-Ukraine war. Europe's reliance on Russia for over 40% of its gas ended abruptly when Russia weaponised energy. The continent faced record liquefied natural gas prices and a coal revival. It was a stark lesson: no energy strategy is sovereign if it is single-sourced.

Fifth, the 2025 Iberian Peninsula Blackout. Spain and Portugal suffered a grid collapse due to over-reliance on intermittent renewables without sufficient dispatchable backup. The lack of inertia in the grid exposed the risks of phasing out conventional capacity too rapidly. These events remind us that every major pivot in global energy thinking has followed a breakdown. What we face now is the opportunity to pivot by foresight rather than by force – and the Israel-Iran ceasefire is that opportunity.

Despite the rhetoric of global energy transition, the real picture is sobering. Fossil fuels still meet over 80% of global primary energy demand. More than 90% of transportation runs on hydrocarbons. Solar and wind, though scaling fast, are still under 10% of the global energy mix. Exploration investments in oil and gas have fallen sharply even as demand remains high. The result is a structurally tight supply that is vulnerable to even minor shocks.

Energy realism must guide the transition

Energy realism does not reject transition. It enables it. It means understanding that transitions are pathways, not switches. The lesson from all these flashpoints is clear. Energy security is no longer a climate policy discussion. It is a survival strategy.

India must now decisively move toward an energy sovereignty doctrine that is anchored in domestic capacity, diversified technology, and resilient systems. It has five foundational pillars.

First, coal gasification and unlocking indigenous energy. India has over 150 billion tonnes of coal reserves. For decades, high ash content made them unattractive. But with technological advances in gasification and carbon capture, this domestic resource must be leveraged to produce syngas, methanol, hydrogen and fertilizers. We must overcome the ash barrier with innovation.

Second, biofuels or where rural empowerment meets national security. The ethanol blending programme has already reduced crude imports and transferred over ₹92,000 crore to farmers. It has also delivered substantial savings in foreign exchange savings. With E20 on the horizon, annual income to the rural economy may grow further. Through the Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme, hundreds of compressed biogas (CBG) plants are generating clean fuel and producing bio-manure rich in 20%-25% organic carbon. This can restore North India's degraded soils, where organic carbon has fallen to 0.5%, versus a healthy level of 2.5%. Improving soil health also enhances water and fertilizer retention, reducing runoff and pollution.

Third, nuclear or a zero-carbon baseload for a dispatchable future. India's nuclear footprint has remained stagnant at 8.8 GW for too long. We must revive the thorium road map, secure uranium partnerships and localise Small Modular Reactor technologies. In a grid dominated by renewables, nuclear provides the dispatchable backbone.

Fourth, green hydrogen, or 'own the tech, secure the chain'. India's target of five million metric tonnes a year by 2030 must be matched by localised electrolyser manufacturing, catalyst development and storage systems. The goal is not just green hydrogen. It is sovereign hydrogen.

Fifth, pumped hydro storage or the inertia backbone. Pumped hydro is durable, proven, and essential for grid balancing. It complements renewable energy and provides the inertia missing in wind and solar-heavy systems. India must use its topography to create the storage infrastructure of the future. Until a few years ago, India sourced over 60% of its crude oil from West Asia. That figure is now below 45%, as per S&P Global Commodities at Sea. This is not a short-term workaround but reflects a deliberate long-term shift in India's sourcing strategy.

The age of sovereignty

The Israel-Iran ceasefire offers India a rare chance to act without the scars. India must lead with energy realism – not as a fallback but as the foundation of resilience and sovereignty. It has diversified its sources, reduced dependence on Hormuz, and buffered better than ever. Now is the time to deepen that shift as the next crisis may not give it the courtesy of a warning.

The 21st century will not be defined by new oil discoveries. It will be defined by nations that can secure, store, and sustain their energy without fear or favour. India's strategy must blend ambition with realism. The five pillars – coal gasification, biofuels, nuclear, green hydrogen and pumped hydro – are not secondary to the energy transition. They are its sovereign spine. Tomorrow's most precious resource is not oil. It is uninterrupted, affordable, and indigenous energy. This is the time to build it.

Detoxifying India's entrance examination system

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Every year, nearly 70 lakh students in India compete for undergraduate seats appearing for entrance examinations such as the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), Common University Entrance Test (CUET), and Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). With a fixed number of seats, the competition is intense, fuelling a coaching industry and a culture of relentless pressure. Recent controversies such as branch closures and financial misconduct at a major JEE coaching centre, an Enforcement Directorate raid and student suicides highlight a broken system. It is time to rethink undergraduate admissions, prioritising fairness, equity and student well-being.

The coaching crisis and its toll

The scale of aspirants – 15 lakh for the JEE alone – has created a coaching empire, with centres charging a fee of ₹6 lakh-₹7 lakh for two-year programmes. Students as young as 14 years sacrifice holistic development for a gruelling routine of solving complex problems from books such as Irodov and Krotov, which go far beyond B.Tech requirements. This rat race breeds stress, depression and alienation, robbing teens of peer bonding and a normal adolescence. With some students unable to handle the pressure, some governments have enacted laws to regulate coaching centres. Yet, the root issue lies in an entrance examination system that overqualifies students and distorts merit.

Entrance examinations aim to filter 15 lakh aspirants for 18,000-plus seats in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), but making a distinction between students scoring 91% or 97% in the Class 12 examination, or 99.9 percentile in JEE, is unreasonable. A decent Class 12 score, say, 70%-80% in physics, chemistry and mathematics, is sufficient for a B.Tech programme. The current system demands extraordinary performance due to the limited seats, vast applicant numbers, and disparities in college academic quality, creating a false hierarchy with an overemphasis on minor score differences. This sidelines capable students, favours those who can afford coaching, and exacerbates urban-rural, gender, and regional imbalances.

> The choice lies between continuing a toxic race that scars students or adopting a system of fairness and equal opportunity

The consequences are severe. Psychologically, students face immense pressure. Socially, the system privileges wealthier families who can afford top-tier coaching, creating an illusory meritocracy. As Harvard philosopher Michael Sandel argues, this fuels a toxic obsession with perceived individual superiority, ignoring the role of luck and privilege. Sandel even suggests lotteries for admissions at elite institutions such as Stanford and Harvard to address these flaws.

The Dutch lottery and beyond

India can draw inspiration from global models. The Netherlands uses a weighted lottery for medical school admissions, introduced in 1972 and reinstated in 2023. Applicants meeting a minimum academic threshold enter a lottery, with higher grades improving odds. This reduces bias, promotes diversity, and eases pressure, recognising that overly precise metrics are often irrelevant, unfair and costly. Outcomes show that lotteries are viable when capacity is limited, aligning with Sandel's critique of meritocratic excess.

In China, the 2021 "double reduction" policy banned for-profit tutoring for school subjects, nationalising coaching overnight to reduce financial burdens, address inequalities and protect student well-being. This tackled issues that India faces – unchecked, excessive and disorderly growth of coaching centres and their impact on youth.

The solution lies in simplifying admissions, trusting the school system and shielding students from an excessive number of examinations. The Class 12 board examinations, with their rigorous curriculum, are adequate to gauge B.Tech readiness. Instead of entrance examinations, a threshold, say, 80% in physics, chemistry and mathematics, can be set for eligibility. Students meeting this could be grouped into categories (90% and above, 80%-90%) and allocated seats or a rank number through a weighted lottery, incorporating reservations for gender, region and rural backgrounds within existing reservation policy, similar to the Dutch model. Higher grades could improve odds, but all eligible students would have a fair chance, eliminating cut-throat competition.

To enhance equity, 50% of IIT seats could be reserved vertically for rural students educated in government schools, promoting social mobility and reducing structural inequality. If entrance examinations persist, coaching should be banned or nationalised, with free online study materials and lectures. To foster diversity, the IITs could introduce an annual student exchange programme, randomly selecting students to study across different IIT campuses over four years. This would promote national integration and exposure to diverse cultures. Incentivising the transfer of professors between IITs could also ensure uniform academic standards, dismantling artificial hierarchies and reinforcing the equal value of a B.Tech from any IIT.

The path forward

Scrapping undergraduate entrance examinations for a lottery-based system would free students from the coaching treadmill, allowing them to attend school, take part in sports and grow holistically. It would reduce financial barriers, giving every qualified student, regardless of wealth or privilege, a shot at top institutions. Most importantly, it would let youth be youth, and not machines chasing percentiles and becoming too serious at too tender an age.

India's education system faces a choice: continue a toxic race that scars students and society or embrace fairness, sanity, egalitarianism and equal opportunity. The path is clear.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Washington's tirade

White House Trade Adviser Peter Navarro's brazen assertion that the Ukraine conflict is "Modi's war" reeks of duplicity and intellectual hollowness (Front page, August 29). The origins of this war are firmly anchored in Russia's strategic insecurities and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's relentless eastward adventurism. By dragging Prime Minister Narendra Modi into a European battlefield crisis, Mr. Navarro has exposed Washington's chronic double standards — masking its own miscalculations while vilifying a nation that refuses subservience. India has neither fuelled nor profited from this tragedy. It has consistently championed dialogue, de-escalation and balance. Mr. Navarro's reckless rhetoric is less an expression of truth and more a desperate attempt to scapegoat a rising power. Such falsehoods insult India's independent stance while laying bare the moral bankruptcy of the U.S.'s foreign policy posturing.

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Nurturing potential

In her article, "Play-based learning for India's future" (Opinion page, August 27), the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Government of India, has argued her case for brain stimulation and play-based learning well. What is lacking in the Integrated Child Development Services ICDS, since its inception in 1975, is early childhood care and education (ECCE). At that time, science was not so sure about the criticality of the first 1,000 days of life, the golden window period for brain stimulation. By ensuring adequate care and stimulation along with nutrition of under-three children, there will be optimum development of brain potential.

Navchetna is an excellent tool for ECCE to be used by Anganwadi workers and private caregivers of children under three for regular in-house use. It should not be only for advising mothers during home visits.

Finally, community contribution for staff salary may be considered, as was demonstrated in Phulwari, Chhattisgarh.

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Stenographer examination

The recent SSC Stenographer examination and answer-key release have exposed systemic failures that demand urgent scrutiny. Most of the questions were complex and poorly framed. Candidates also experienced technical and logistical issues.

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Nikki Bhati's trial by fire

On August 21, Nikki Bhati, 26, died of severe burn injuries in Sirsa, Uttar Pradesh. Married for nine years, Nikki had allegedly complained to her parents often about domestic abuse and dowry demands, but they had urged her to stay on. When Nikki and her sister opened a beauty parlour, the harassment allegedly worsened. **Alisha Dutta** reports on the horrific crime and the contrasting pieces of evidence that the police have

Manju Payla (in a black dupatta) grieves the death of her daughter Nikki Bhati, in Roopwas village in Gautam Budh Nagar district in U.P. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Trigger warning: The following article has references to domestic violence. Please avoid reading if you feel distressed by the subject.

In Roopwas village, in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh, 50-year-old Bhikari Singh Payla struggled to remember a time when his daughters – Kanchan and Nikki – were happy after they got married.

Nine years ago, the Paylas got a proposal of marriage from the Bhati family from Sirsa town, about 20 kilometres away. Kanchan was 19 then, and Nikki, 17. Bhikari and his wife Manju were thrilled. "The Bhatis had a two-storey house and their relative had a house next to theirs. The family had a decent financial background and a good name in the community," Bhikari said.

The Paylas got the sisters married on the same *mandap* (stage) on the same day. Kanchan married Rohit Bhati and Nikki married his brother, Vipin. The Paylas allegedly gave the Bhatis an SUV, cash, and gold as dowry. The sisters moved to Sirsa into their in-laws' house.

Soon after the wedding, his daughters began to allege abuse, Bhikari said. But one decision in particular caused their lives to deteriorate sharply: "It was when they started running a parlour and opened an Instagram page in 2024."

Kanchan and Nikki's Instagram page, called Makeover by Kanchan, has 90,000 followers. The sisters would upload pictures and reels of brides who got their makeup done at the parlour. They would also occasionally upload reels of themselves walking together, driving, or simply spending time with their family.

"Rohit and Vipin and their parents had a problem with that," Bhikari said. "They would constantly try and coerce them to stop working."

On August 21, Nikki, 26, was found with severe burn injuries at her in-laws' house. She died on the way to hospital. The police have arrested Vipin, Rohit, and their parents – Satveer and Daya – in connection with the alleged dowry death.

Nikki's brother, Rohit Gujjar, said, "We handed over two beautiful sisters to one family. Now, our *laddo* (loved one) is gone." Manju sat wailing inside a room, surrounded by women.

The chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW), Vijaya Rahatkar, condemned the incident. "Daughters are not our property... There have been movements in the country to end such malpractices. Those malpractices have taken up a new form now. This is a matter of grave concern," she said.

A fight that ended in death

On August 22, a day after Nikki was declared dead by authorities at the Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi, Kanchan, 28, went to the Kasna police station in Greater Noida to file a First Information Report (FIR). She claimed that Nikki and Vipin had got into a fight the previous day, which had escalated quickly.

"My mother-in-law, Daya, gave Vipin (Nikki's husband) a bottle with inflammable liquid. They poured that on her and set her body on fire. My husband, Rohit Bhati, and father-in-law, Satveer Bhati, too were present there. When I tried stopping them, they beat me up as well," she wrote.

Kanchan told *The Hindu* that she had rushed to help her sister. While she tried pouring water on Nikki with one hand, she recorded a video of the incident with the other. The video that she shot showed Nikki stumbling down a flight of stairs, ablaze. Another video that went viral showed Nikki's minor son saying he saw Vipin slap his mother and set her on fire.

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> **KANCHAN BHATI**
> Nikki's sister

Kanchan said she also shot another video where Nikki can be seen asking for help inside their house. "My sister was still alive when she was in the house. They killed her while taking her to the hospital," she alleged to *The Hindu*.

Taking cognisance of Kanchan's complaint, the police arrested Vipin from Sirsa on August 23. They took him to his house to identify the inflammable object which he had allegedly poured on Nikki. "He snatched an officer's pistol and opened fire. In retaliatory firing, he suffered a bullet injury in his leg," said Sudhir Kumar (DCP) Greater Noida.

The police transferred Vipin to a hospital. Vipin told the media that he had no remorse since he had not done anything. "She died on her own," he said. "Fights between a husband and wife happen everywhere. It is not a big deal."

Hours later, the police also arrested Daya, who had allegedly handed Vipin the bottle of inflammable liquid. A day later, they arrested Satyaveer and Rohit from the Sirsa toll plaza area. The police booked the four accused under Sections 103 (1) (murder), 115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt), and 61(2) (attempting to commit offences punishable with life imprisonment or others) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

A messy affair

Kanchan said Nikki was abused the night before she died as well. "Our in-laws and husbands would constantly ask us for the money we were earning from the parlour and simultaneously shame us for earning it," she said, adding that Vipin and Rohit were both unemployed.

A police officer in Greater Noida said he received a call in February from a woman who had gone to Nikki and Kanchan's salon. "The woman alleged that Vipin had come to the parlour and demanded money from Nikki. A scuffle took place and the client ended up getting hurt. However, the families resolved the issue, so no complaint was registered," the officer said. The parlour was shut down after that, he added.

Bhikari said the situation worsened after this incident. Nikki and Kanchan left their in-laws' house and came back to their parents' house. After a few months, a panchayat was held in Roopwas. Vipin's family apologised and asked whether they could take Nikki back. "As her father, I was hoping that her marriage would not break down," Bhikari said.

A poster demanding justice for Nikki Bhati in Greater Noida. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

However, a Station House Officer from Kasna, Uttar Pradesh, alleged that Vipin began assaulting Nikki after she alleged that he had an extramarital affair in 2022. The officer said Nikki had caught Vipin in an intimate position with a woman from Jarcha village. "She presented evidence – photographs and call records – to the village elders. That enraged Vipin. He would beat her up frequently," he said.

The woman from Jarcha was unaware about Vipin's marital status, the officer claimed. The woman, who was divorced, was earlier a victim of domestic violence. She had left her parents' house and moved into a one-room rented accommodation in Jarcha so that she could live with Vipin, the officer said. "He started assaulting that woman, so she decided to leave. But Nikki had caught them by then," he claimed.

The woman filed a complaint in October alleging that Vipin and his friend had forcefully picked her up in their car, assaulted her, verbally abused her, and snatched her phone. "She also claimed that the two of them had threatened to kill her," the officer said.

The police booked Vipin under Sections 115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt), 352 (breach of peace) and 351(2) criminal intimidation) of the BNS the same month. However, Vipin was not arrested; he was only issued a notice, said the officer.

Contrasting evidence

While women surrounded Manju Payla and consoled her in Roopwas, a group of women formed a shield around the Bhatis' home in Sirsa. They believe that the Bhatis have been "trapped" in a "false case" of dowry and domestic abuse.

Rama Devi, 41, a neighbour, said, "Have you seen the reels those women made? They would dress up and giggle. Could any woman who was abused pose like that?"

Even as Kanchan's videos of Nikki went viral, neighbours and members of Vipin's extended family began circulating a set of CCTV footage showing Vipin outside the house at the time of the alleged crime against Nikki. They also alleged that Satyaveer was buying milk at the time and Daya was not at home as well.

According to the police, the CCTV footage from a shop diagonally opposite the Bhatis' residence shows Vipin standing in front of a grocery store. Minutes later, he is joined by a boy, and is seen rushing into the house. He is then seen stepping out briefly to park his car inside a narrow alley, allegedly to help Nikki get into the car.

The police is yet to verify the CCTV footage from the shop as well as the time stamps of the videos that Kanchan recorded.

"Some of Vipin's neighbours claim they had heard Nikki saying she had made a mistake and was crying for help while she was on fire," an officer said. He added that Nikki had not given any dying declaration to the hospital staff.

The police said Nikki was rushed to Fortis hospital by her neighbour and in-laws. The Bhati family claimed to the hospital authorities that her burn injuries were due to a cylinder blast. The police have ruled this out. "There were no cylinders at the spot. There was only one cigarette lighter and a bottle of thinner – the inflammable liquid that was allegedly used," said an officer.

As Fortis does not treat burn injuries over 25%, the hospital recommended that Nikki be transferred to Safdarjung Hospital since she had over 70% burn injuries. She died on the way to Safdarjung Hospital, the police said.

Given the contrasting evidence they have, the police are wondering whether they should water down the charges against the Bhatis. "With new evidence surfacing, which we are yet to completely analyse, we are considering replacing Section 103(1) (murder) with Section 108 (abetment to suicide)," said a senior police officer.

Nikki's family has alleged that the motive for the alleged abuse was a demand for ₹36 lakh as dowry as well as their daughter's business and presence on social media.

However, the police have not been able to invoke sections from the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, since Nikki's death occurred nine years after she got married, said advocate Ankit Singh. "According to Section 304(B) of the Dowry Prohibition Act, if a woman dies within seven years of her marriage due to burns, bodily injury, or other unnatural circumstances, and it can be proven that she was subjected to cruelty or harassment in connection with a dowry demand, her husband or his relatives can be punished with imprisonment for a minimum of seven years, which can extend to life imprisonment," Ankit said.

If the police changes the sections of the FIR from Section 103(1) (murder) to Section 108 (abetment to suicide), the sentence will get reduced from death or imprisonment for life to imprisonment of up to 10 years and a fine, he added.

Seeking justice

According to the National Crime Records Bureau, 6,459 cases of dowry deaths were reported in 2022, with 3,499 cases pending investigation from the previous year. Of the cases reported, the highest number of dowry deaths occurred in Uttar Pradesh (2,138), followed by Bihar (1,057), and Madhya Pradesh (518). The NCW said that they received 4,452 dowry-related complaints in 2024.

This year, there have been many reported cases. On August 26, Shilpa Panchangamath, 27, allegedly died by suicide due to dowry-related harassment by her husband, Praveen, and mother-in-law, Sharada. According to the complainant, Shilpa was pregnant with a second child when she died. The complainant said the family would constantly threaten to abandon Shilpa if her family failed to provide ₹5 lakh for Praveen's pani puri business, after he quit his job at a tech firm in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Sanju Bishnoi, 28, a lecturer, set herself and her 3-year-old daughter ablaze in Rajasthan's Kakelav, allegedly due to abuse by her husband and in-laws. The daughter died on the spot, while Sanju died during treatment on August 25.

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> **RENU**
> Resident, Roopwas

In a case reported on June 27, Ridhanya, 27, from Tamil Nadu's Tiruppur, left multiple voice notes to her father before dying by suicide. Ridhanya said her in-laws had demanded ₹100 crore as dowry to start a business and were dissatisfied with the 4.5 kilos of gold they had received.

Dr. Vibhuti Patel, a former professor at the Advanced Centre for Women's Studies at the Tata Institute of Social Studies in Mumbai, blamed state bodies for failing to prevent these crimes. "In the 1980s, self-help groups and the various agendas of the women's rights movements were taken over by the state and institutionalised. But the ineffectiveness of state bodies impacted the awareness and ability of women to seek help," said Vibhuti, who spearheaded women's rights movements against dowry and domestic abuse.

Vibhuti added that States such as Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Punjab have no history of women's rights movements. Women in these places are alienated from interest groups, which prevents their unity. "Even when women in a village know who is getting beaten up, abandoned, or cheated on, they are not united," she said.

With the rise in hypermasculinity and the slow rate at which justice is delivered, such crimes have become the new normal, she added. "It takes a minimum of a decade to deliver rigid sentences, so culprits are rarely afraid of the consequences," she said.

Letting go

In Roopwas, Renu (name changed) stared blankly at the media vehicles crawling through the serpentine lanes. With her *ghoonghat* (head covering) partly lifted, the 30-year-old single mother gazed at the house of the Paylas, less than 100 metres away from her parents' house.

Renu believes that Nikki's life could have been saved. "Nikki and Kanchan would come to their parents' house every few months complaining about being abused at their in-laws' place, but the families would call a panchayat and send them back fearing societal backlash," she said. The sisters would go back to their in-laws' house with bags full of clothes, cash, and gold. They would allege that they were still being abused, she said.

Traumatised by Nikki's death, Renu said quietly, "It could have been me."

Nearly a decade ago, Renu had called her brother to say that she would die if he did not take her back home. "The night before, my husband had beaten me up mercilessly and my mother-in-law had watched that without protesting," she said, showing the scars on her hands.

Renu had recorded a video on her phone to prove to her family that she was being assaulted for refusing to accept their demands of dowry, among others. "Until I showed them a clip where I had been tied with chains and hit, everyone thought that I lacked something and that my stories were fabricated," she said.

Renu is separated from her husband and earns a living through tailoring. "A family must listen to their daughter if she says she is being abused," she said. "They must not send her back (to the in-laws' house) fearing what society might say."

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GDP growth quickens to five-quarter high of 7.8%

He also said the government was retaining its growth estimate for the full financial year.

Growth in the manufacturing sector quickened to 7.7% in the April-June 2025 quarter, coming on top of a high base of 7.6% in the same quarter of the previous year. This was also faster than the 4.8% growth the sector saw in the January-March 2025 quarter.

The construction sector grew at 7.6%, on a high base of 10.1% in Q1 of last year. The electricity, gas, water supply and other utility services sector, however, saw growth slow down sharply to 0.5%, from 10.2% in the same quarter of the previous year.

The quarter's GDP growth was also propelled by the services sector, which on a combined basis grew 9.3%, faster than the 6.8% seen in the same quarter of last year, or the 7.3% growth in the immediately preceding quarter.

Within this, the public administration, defence and other services sector saw the growth accelerating to a three-year high of 9.8%, coming on top of a 9% growth in Q1 of the previous year.

The financial, real estate and professional services sector grew at 9.5%, a two-year high. Similarly, the trade, hotels, transport, and communication services sector grew at 8.6%, also a two-year high.

India will become 3rd largest economy: PM

After the India-Japan Annual Summit, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba said the two countries had discussed a "wide range of areas, including defence and the economy". They launched an India-Japan AI Initiative as well as an Economic Security Initiative to promote supply chain resilience in sectors like pharmaceuticals, critical minerals, and new and emerging technologies.

The official interaction between the two Prime Ministers also saw the launch of the India-Japan Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Forum to strengthen cooperation between SMEs in both nations.

At the end of the annual summit led by the two Prime Ministers, the two countries announced 13 outcomes, including several MoUs, such as the agreement on a Joint Credit Mechanism aimed at financing green energy, security cooperation, and cooperation in mineral resources. An action plan was adopted to promote the two-way exchange of five lakh people between India and Japan, including 50,000 skilled and semi-skilled personnel from India to Japan over the next five years.

Calling for India-Japan cooperation to take advantage of business opportunities in Africa, Mr. Modi said, "India is the springboard for Japanese businesses to the Global South. Together, we will shape the Asian century for stability, growth and prosperity."

8 States propose a cess on sin, luxury goods

"The revenue implications on States due to the GST rate rationalisation proposals made by the Centre have been discussed in the meeting," Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said, following the meeting. "A consensus has been reached by these States to extend their in-principle support to the proposal of GST rate rationalisation."

However, he added that "serious concerns" were expressed in the meeting about the losses that States may incur, which would adversely impact their welfare schemes.

The eight States that drafted the note – all ruled by non-BJP parties – said they anticipate a revenue reduction of between 15% and 20% if the rationalisation is carried out. "Such a revenue shock cannot be absorbed without drastically reducing developmental expenditure," the note said.

Revenue dependence

"States depend heavily on GST as their principal source of revenue whereas the Centre has a far broader revenue base with substantial inflows from direct taxes, large dividends from public institutions, custom and excise duties, cesses and surcharges," it said.

The note explained that the Centre also has a larger capacity to raise borrowings which can act as an effective counter-cyclical measure in times of revenue uncertainty. It added that GST revenue makes up only 28% of the Centre's tax revenue, but half of the States' own tax revenues, underscoring their dependence on this revenue stream.

The States argued for an "additional levy" that could be imposed on sin and luxury goods, over and above the 40% rate proposed by the Centre.

"The proceeds of this levy should be fully distributed among the States as a necessary measure to safeguard States' revenues, discourage the use of sin goods, and promote public health," they said.

Sin goods include items like tobacco, cigarettes, and *ghutka*, while luxury items are typically high-value cars and other high-end services such as business class and first class flight tickets.

The note added that the States should be compensated on the assumption of a 14% annual growth in their GST revenues.

If the additional levy fails to ensure this growth, then the Centre should "raise loans secured against the future receipts of the additional levy" to compensate the States, they said.

India is an 'oil money laundromat' for Moscow, says Navarro

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NEW YORK/WASHINGTON

A day after claiming that the Ukraine conflict was "Modi's war", White House trade adviser Peter Navarro has accused India of being an "oil money laundromat for the Kremlin".

"If India, the world's largest democracy, wants to be treated like a strategic partner of the U.S., it needs to act like one," he said, putting out a series of social media posts attacking New Delhi.

Mr. Navarro, the Trump administration's Senior Counsellor for Trade and Manufacturing, has been consistently targeting India over the last few days after ties between Washington and New Delhi saw a major downturn over Mr. Trump's policies on trade and tariffs.

U.S. tariffs on India

The 50% tariffs slapped on India by the Trump administration came into effect on Wednesday. The trade adviser said the 50% tariff – 25% for unfair trade and 25% for national security – was a direct response.

"India's Big Oil lobby has turned the largest democracy in the world into a massive refining hub and oil money laundromat for the Kremlin," Mr. Navarro alleged.

'India and China must collaborate for stable world economic order'

Amicable ties amid the two largest nations on earth can have a positive impact on regional and global peace and prosperity, says Prime Minister

Press Trust of India
TOKYO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said it was important for India and China to work together to bring stability to the world economic order as he asserted that New Delhi is ready to advance bilateral ties from a strategic and long-term perspective based on mutual respect, interest and sensitivity.

In an interview with *The Yomiuri Shimbun* published during his ongoing visit to Japan, Mr. Modi also asserted that stable, predictable, and amicable bilateral relations between India and China, as two neighbours and the two largest nations on earth, can have a positive impact on regional and global peace and prosperity.

Asked about the importance of improving relations with China at this time, the Prime Minister said, "At the invitation of President Xi Jinping, I will be travelling to Tianjin from here to take part in the SCO Summit. Since my meeting with President Xi in Kazan last year, steady and positive progress has been made in our bilateral ties."

Mr. Modi said that in the BRICS alliance, India was actively engaged in working towards the benefit of the Global South.

India attaches high importance to its engagement with BRICS, which has emerged as a valuable forum for consultation, and cooperation and has helped promote mutual understanding on a specific set of issues of common interest to emerging economies, he said.

Warm welcome: Japanese artistes greet Narendra Modi upon his arrival at a hotel in Tokyo, Japan, on Friday. ANI

'China taking advantage of slump in Indo-U.S. ties'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday alleged India was being "forced" to normalise its relations with China, largely on their terms, which is "trying to take advantage of the downturn in Indo-U.S. ties". "China's *jugalbandi* with Pakistan during Operation Sindoor – revealed by our own military establishment – has been forgotten," Congress's general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X.

Pact with Tokyo to advance low-carbon technology projects

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NEW DELHI

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a visit to Japan, India's Environment Ministry said on Friday that it had signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with Tokyo earlier this month on a first-of-its kind Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM).

The JCM is a Japanese initiative, whereby the country implements and invests in low-carbon technologies in developing countries and the resulting savings in emissions are credited to Japan's account as carbon credits, which it can use to meet its national emissions-reduction targets.

"The JCM will encourage the flow of investment, technology assistance, including technology transfer and capacity building support for the implementation of projects involving these low carbon technologies. It will also develop domestic ecosystem and partnerships to localise low carbon technologies and associated high technology interventions related to equipment, machinery, products, systems and infrastructure, paving the way for their large-scale deployment," the Ministry said in a statement.

The MoC would further facilitate the implementation of projects contributing to greenhouse gas reduction or removal, and sustainable development in India.

It will also enable the international trading of carbon credits generated from such projects under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement with Japan and other countries on similar lines, "without adversely impacting" India's NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) commitments, the statement added.

India's NDC commits to reducing emission intensity by 45% by 2030 from 2005 levels, achieving 50% cumulative electric power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030, and creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5–3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2030 through afforestation.

Earlier this week, the Ministry constituted the 'National Designated Authority,' which is the nodal agency to approve such projects, evaluate emission reductions and oversee the functioning of the Indian carbon market.

The Ministry said it had also received authorisation from the Cabinet to finalise the rules of implementation and for signing agreements with other countries on similar lines under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, in consultation with concerned Ministries and the Ministry of External Affairs, the statement added.

Russian President set to visit India in December: Kremlin

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin will pay an official visit to India in December, the Kremlin said on Friday, as ties between the countries grow closer after the United States imposed tariffs on New Delhi over its purchases of Russian oil.

Mr. Putin will also meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a summit in China on Monday, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters.

U.S. President Donald Trump has imposed tariffs on Indian goods as 'punishment' for New Delhi's massive purchases of Russian oil, part of a campaign to pressure Moscow into ending its offensive in Ukraine. Russia is also one of India's top arms suppliers, and the warm ties between the two countries date back to the Soviet era.

Ukraine's Western allies have sought to cut Russia's export earnings since Moscow launched its military assault in February 2022.

But Russia has been able to redirect energy sales away from Europe to countries including India and China, ensuring the multi-billion-dollar flow of funds.

Mr. Putin has significantly curtailed his foreign travel amid the offensive on Ukraine, for which he was slapped with an International Criminal Court arrest warrant. India is not a party to the ICC and therefore not obligated to detain Mr. Putin.

Vladimir Putin

SC returns to full strength of 34 with two new judges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai on Friday swore in Justices Alok Aradhe and Vipul M. Pancholi as judges of the Supreme Court.

With their appointment, the court returned to its full sanctioned strength of 34 judges, which will continue until the retirement of Chief Justice Gavai on November 23.

Justice Pancholi is in line to become Chief Justice of India under the seniority norm from October 3, 2031, till his retirement on May 27, 2033.

His appointment process witnessed a rare dissent from one of the Collegium members, Justice B.V. Nagarathna, who noted that Justice Pancholi was ranked 57th in the all-India High Court judges' seniority list and that several meritorious judges senior to him could be considered for elevation.

In her dissent, Justice Nagarathna wrote that his appointment would be "counter-productive" to the administration of justice and that the credibility of the Collegium was at stake.

However, the Collegium, by a 4:1 majority, recommended Justices Pancholi and Aradhe on August 25. Their appointment to the top court was notified within 48 hours, on August 27.

Justice Pancholi was born on May 28, 1968, in Ahmedabad and was confirmed as a Permanent Judge of the Gujarat High Court in June 2016. He was transferred to the Patna High Court in July 2023 and appointed its Chief Justice on July 21.

Justice Aradhe, ranked third among High Court Chief Justices, has his parent High Court in Madhya Pradesh, while Justice Pancholi, ranked 19th among High Court Chief Justices, has his parent High Court in Gujarat.

Justice Aradhe, born in April 1964, was appointed an Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court in December 2009 and a Permanent Judge in February 2011. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court on January 21 this year.

Justice Alok Aradhe and (right) Justice Vipul M. Pancholi

SC notice to Centre over plea to make Ram Setu a monument

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to the Centre on a petition filed by former Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy seeking directions to the Ministry of Culture for an expeditious decision on his representations for declaring the Ram Setu a monument of national importance. A Bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath listed the case for hearing after four weeks.

Ram Setu, also known as Adam's Bridge, is a chain of limestone shoals between Rameswaram, off the south-eastern coast of Tamil Nadu and Mannar Island, off the north-western coast of Sri Lanka. Mr. Swamy had earlier raised the issue in a plea challenging the Sethusamudram Ship Channel project initiated by the UPA government.

Congress takes a dig at RSS chief for 'contradictory statements in 1 month'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday took a swipe at Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat over his remarks that he had never stated that he or anyone else should retire at the age of 75.

The Opposition party's dig came a day after Mr. Bhagwat sought to put to rest speculation over his recent comments on the retirement of leaders, which had been seen as a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Both Mr. Modi and Mr. Bhagwat turn 75 next month.

"We are ready to work as long as the Sangh wants us to work," Mr. Bhagwat had said on Thursday.

Responding to these remarks, Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh, in a post on X, shared two news reports that carried what he described as completely different statements by the RSS chief. "One month, one person, two contradictory statements," Mr. Ramesh said.

'Reigniting disputes'

Meanwhile, the CPI(M) Polit Bureau, quoting Mr. Bhagwat's statement that Muslims should "give away" the disputed mosques in Mathura and Kashi for "brotherhood", the party flagged the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 which prohibits the alteration of any religious site that existed before 1947.

Mr. Bhagwat is attempting to reignite the disputes to "shield the BJP government from public anger ahead of the coming election", the Polit Bureau said.

"Such demands are aimed at provoking communal passions, diverting public attention, and polarising society along religious lines. The RSS chief is raking up these divisive issues to shield the BJP government from public anger ahead of the upcoming elections," the party noted.

The CPI(M) said this was a long-held practice of the RSS and its affiliates to "incite communal divisions whenever they seek to distract people from worsening economic conditions.

"With higher U.S. tariffs, a weakening economy, growing attacks on workers, and mounting proof of electoral malpractices and manipulation, the public are increasingly getting disillusioned with the BJP-led government, seeing its failures more clearly," it said.

V-P poll is a battle to guard our syncretic culture: Left parties

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Left parties, in a joint statement endorsing the candidature of Justice Balkrishna Sudershan Reddy, who is contesting the Vice-Presidential election on behalf of the Opposition, said the election was not merely about numbers but also a battle to "safeguard our syncretic culture".

The statement was signed by general secretaries of the five parties.

"It [V-P election] represents a contest between two fundamentally different perspectives on the future of India – whether our nation will continue as a constitutional democracy upholding secularism, or be reduced to a Hindutva authoritarian State," the statement said.

"It is a battle to safeguard our syncretic culture and to resist the BJP-led NDA government's ongoing attempts to undermine democracy and enforce authoritarianism through the misuse of constitutional positions such as those of the V-P, Election Commission, and Governors, among others," it added.

Modi wins by stealing votes, wants to take away benefits: Rahul

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rahul Gandhi addressing the gathering during the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi wins elections by "stealing votes", Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi alleged on Friday during his ongoing Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar.

The Congress leader was addressing a public meeting in Siwan district, along with Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani, and Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya.

"For many days, I had doubts that the Prime Minister, the BJP and the Election Commission were stealing the votes. I got the proof in Maharashtra and Karnataka elections... how fraudulent names were added and genuine names were deleted. Narendra Modi wins elections by stealing votes but we have told him that we will not allow even a single vote to be stolen in the Bihar election," Mr. Gandhi said.

Mr. Gandhi asserted that "vote theft" was an attack on the Constitution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. "Narendra Modi, pay attention. We will not allow anyone to attack the Constitution. Narendra Modi takes the side of Adani-Ambani, he will first take away your vote, then your ration, and then other benefits," Mr. Gandhi alleged.

Mr. Gandhi said the people of Bihar had given energy to the yatra and the slogans of "*Vote Chor Gaddi Chhor*" (vote thief, leave the throne) were echoing across the country. He also expressed his disappointment over power cuts in places where the INDIA bloc leader held public meetings.

Bihar SIR: 8 border districts account for most EC notices

Districts sharing borders with Nepal and Bengal have most number of voters who did not submit required papers or whose eligibility and citizenship are under doubt; hearings to begin next week

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

A Booth Level Officer checks documents during SIR to electoral roll drive in Purnia district in Bihar last month. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

As the Election Commission started issuing notices this week to Bihar voters whose documents have not been found satisfactory during the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls, officials told *The Hindu* that most of these cases have been identified in border districts such as East Champaran, West Champaran, Madhubani, Kishanganj, Purnia, Katihar, Araria, and Supaul.

While East Champaran, West Champaran, Madhubani, Supaul, and Araria share borders with Nepal, Purnia and Katihar are on the West Bengal border, and Kishanganj shares a border with both Nepal and West Bengal.

The notices are being issued to voters who submitted their enumeration forms and were included in the draft roll, but have either not submitted any supporting document, or have submitted incorrect documents, or whose eligibility – including citizenship – is under doubt, EC sources said. While the process of issuing notices has begun across the State, the highest number of such cases are from these border districts, they said.

A host of Electoral Registration Officers (ERO) in these districts confirmed to *The Hindu* that they have begun the scrutiny of enumeration forms, and started issuing notices earlier this week. Hearings will begin from next week.

In the Raxaul Assembly segment in East Champaran district, for instance, the first hearing will be held on September 3, while the first hearing in the Madhubani Assembly constituency is set for September 7.

They said that the notices are being delivered physically, with officials ensuring that they are received by the voters themselves.

The notices say that the documents on the basis of which the elector was included in the draft electoral roll were not satisfactory, and direct the voter to appear for a hearing before the ERO at the designated time and place, along with the original copies of their documents.

ERO's powers

As per the SIR order issued on June 24, the ERO has the power to scrutinise all claims, conduct *suo motu* inquiries, and issue notices to any elector. In case the person is excluded from the final list after the hearing, the ERO must issue a "speaking order" stating the reasons for the decision.

A speaking order is one where the authority explicitly states the reasons behind its decision, linking it to the evidence, facts, and applicable laws. This ensures that the decision is not arbitrary.

The draft electoral rolls published by the EC on August 1 had 7.24 crore names, 65 lakh less than those included in the voter list published before the SIR began.

INBRIEF

Man held for using abusive language against PM at rally

The Bihar Police on Friday arrested a resident of Darbhanga district for using derogatory language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra. The person, identified as Mohammad Rizvi, alias Raja, was not a minor, the police said. The derogatory remarks also triggered a political storm in the poll-bound State. BJP leaders and workers clashed with Congress workers outside Sadaqat Ashram, the Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters. "We are not going to tolerate the insult to the Prime Minister. Rahul Gandhi and his supporters must apologise to the nation...," said BJP leader and Minister for Road Construction Nitin Nabin.

Bihar Cabinet clears financial assistance scheme for women

The Bihar Cabinet on Friday approved a scheme titled *Mukhya Mantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana* to provide financial assistance to one woman from every family in the State to start a business of her choice. Under the scheme, a woman from every family would be provided ₹10,000 as the first instalment. The process of releasing the first instalment will begin from September.

Protest for Maratha quota brings Mumbai to standstill

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Maratha community members gather in Azad Maidan as Manoj Jarange Patil sits on indefinite hunger strike. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Mumbai came to a standstill and traffic snarls were witnessed for kilometres on Friday after thousands joined Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil at Azad Maidan for his protest demanding benefits for the community under the Other Backward Classes category.

Mr. Jarange-Patil vowed to continue the protest till their demands are granted. "I will not go back until our demands are met. Even if I am shot dead, I will not retreat," he said, even as the Mumbai Police granted him permission to carry on with the protest for another day on Saturday.

Mr. Jarange-Patil arrived at Azad Maidan at 9.45 a.m. with thousands of supporters. People from across the State arrived at the venue and also protested at other locations. Azad Maidan is a stone's throw from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the headquarters of the Central Railways, and the end point of Mumbai's local train network on the Central and Harbour lines. The protest site is also close to the arterial roads.

'Won't do injustice'

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the State was committed to finding a solution within the legal and constitutional framework. "The Cabinet committee is discussing the issue, and will file a constitutionally valid solution...," he said.

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said the government will not do injustice to the Marathas, but will not let other communities face injustice either.

However, Mr. Jarange-Patil expressed anger at the government for allowing the protest for only one day.

"Instead of playing these games, announce reservation, and the poor Marathas will bless you forever," he said.

Assam cannot be led by those who protect 'infiltrators', says Amit Shah

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the launch of the BJP's campaign in Guwahati on Friday. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday sounded the poll bugle for the BJP under the leadership of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in Assam.

The Assembly election in the State is likely to be held by May 2026.

Addressing a convention of panchayat leaders in Guwahati, he also took a swipe at Assam Congress president Gaurav Gogoi by proclaiming that Assam would not choose a leader who bats for "infiltrators", a term often used in the State for Muslims suspected to be Bangladeshis.

"Assam cannot be led by a leader who protects infiltrators and visits Pakistan frequently. Assam's leadership cannot be given to people who allow infiltrators to encroach upon land. Assam's leadership cannot be given to the corrupt. Assam's leadership will be on (Prime Minister) Narendra Modi and Himanta Biswa Sarma," Mr. Shah said at the NDA Panchayat Pratinidhi Sammelan.

The BJP and its regional allies swept the panchayat polls in May, winning 301 out of 397 zilla parishad seats and 1,445 out of 2,188 anchalik panchayat constituencies in Assam.

Mr. Shah attacked Mr. Gogoi, an MP from eastern Assam's Jorhat and believed to be the best non-NDA bet against Mr. Sarma, for allegedly opposing the BJP-led government's drive to reclaim land from encroachers.

"The reclamation of more than 1.19 lakh hectares of encroached land has been a major achievement of the NDA government in Assam. Should we not clear land encroached upon by infiltrators? But Gaurav Gogoi is opposing it. I want to tell him, oppose it as much as you can, the BJP government will clear every inch of land encroached upon by the infiltrators," he said.

Mr Shah patted the Assam government for clearing lands that belong to the satras or monasteries of the neo-Vaishnav sect.

Apologise for abuses hurled at PM: Shah to Rahul

GUWAHATI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to apologise to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his late mother for abusive language allegedly used against them during the Voter Adhikar Yatra in poll-bound Bihar.

Cong. accuses Amit Shah of spreading 'lies' against Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Reacting sharply to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks in Guwahati that Rahul Gandhi is responsible for the "abuses" hurled at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his late mother during the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar, the Congress on Friday described Mr. Shah as a "weapon of mischievous distraction" and "malicious defamation".

In a post on X, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh accused the Home Minister of spreading "lies" about Mr. Gandhi after being rattled by the response to the Voter Adhikar Yatra.

"The Union Home Minister is a 2-in-1 WMD – a Weapon of Mischievous Distraction and also a Weapon of Malicious Defamation," Mr. Ramesh said.

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E-TENDER FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS ARE INVITED:-

NIT No.: CE(Procurement)/WBSETCL/Composite/Pkg C8(1A)/2025-26/22 Date: 30.08.2025

NIT No.: CE(Procurement)/WBSETCL/Composite/Pkg C8(1B)/2025-26/23 Date: 30.08.2025

Designing, engineering, civil construction, supply, delivery, erection, testing, commissioning (including transportation), insurance and storage i.r.o. the following-

- Construction of Dendua 220 kV GI sub-station (District – Burdwan) along with LILO of Maithon-Asansol line at Dendua. ***(NIT 22)***
- Construction of 220/132/33 kV GI sub-station at Nandanpur (District – Bankura) and its associated Transmission Line from BAPL sub-station along with construction of various Bay Extension and Transformer Augmentation work at New Chanditala sub-station along with Mongalpur 220 kV GI sub-station of WBSETCL. ***(NIT 23)***

For above mentioned NITs (22 and 23), bid documents can be downloaded from 30.08.2025, 10:00 A.M. and bids shall be submitted up to 04:00 P.M., 22.09.2025. Visit the following websites - www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbsetcl.in for details.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
'e'-Procurement Notice No. ACECIC-09 / 2025-26

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Name of Work	Cost of Work (Rs.in Lakhs)	Bid Security (Rs.) E.M.D	Cost of Bid documents (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Bid documents available online for bidding From	Bid documents available online for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	Period of completion of work
ACE, CIC, Bhubaneswar	PID-02/ 2025-26	Cement Concrete Lining to Sakhigopal Branch Canal from RD.34.00 Km to 42.00 Km.	774.06	774100/- (On Line)	10000/- (On Line)	"A" & "Special" Class	01.09.2025 At 10.00 Hours	15.09.2025 At 17.00 Hours	16.09.2025 At 11.00 Hours	18 (Eighteen Calendar Month)

e-mail ID : - secic_dowr@yahoo.com . Further details conditions can be seen from Govt. website www.tenderorissa.gov.in
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NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/Composite Pkg-C9/25-26/24 Date: 30.08.2025

E-Tender is invited from bonafide, eligible bidders having experience in doing similar nature of work for construction of the following:-

Description of Work	Completion Period
PROJECT-1: • Upgradation of existing Barjora 132/33 kV sub-station to 220/132 kV GI sub-station at Barjora (District - Bankura) • Construction of 220 kV D/C Transmission Line from DPL (UNIT#8) to proposed Barjora 220 kV sub-station for connectivity between DPL (UNIT#8) to proposed Barjora 220 kV sub-station (RL≈19.50 K.M. D/C-OH)	24 months from the date of LOA
PROJECT-2: • Upgradation of existing Ashokenagar 132/33 kV sub-station to 220/132 kV GI sub-station at Ashokenagar (District - North 24 Parganas) • Construction of 220 kV D/C Transmission Line from suitable point of Jeerat-Rajarhat 220 kV D/C Transmission Line to proposed Ashokenagar 220 kV sub-station (RL≈20 K.M. D/C-OH and 2.7 K.M. D/C-UG Cable Line)	24 months from the date of LOA
PROJECT-3: • Augmentation of transformer capacity from 2*160 MVA, 220/132/33 kV to 3*160 MVA, 220/132/33 kV at Baruipur 220/132 kV GI sub-station at Baruipur (District - South 24 Parganas) • Construction of 2 nos. 132 kV GIS Line Bay at existing Baruipur 220/132 kV sub-station with Bus Duct and D/C stringing works in between Dead End Tower to SF6 to Air Bushing	15 Months from the date of LOA
PROJECT-4: • Construction of terminal arrangement of 02 nos. 132 kV GIS Line Bay at proposed Beledurganagar 132 kV sub-station • Construction of 132 kV D/C Transmission Line to make single circuit LILO of proposed Baruipur-Serakol 132 kV D/C Transmission Line at proposed Beledurganagar 132 kV sub-station (RL≈27.85 K.M. D/C-OH and 1 K.M. S/C-OH)	21 Months from the date of LOA
PROJECT-5: • Construction of 132 kV D/C Transmission Line from Gazole 220 kV sub-station to the nearest point of Buniyadpur TSS to establish S/C connectivity of Gazole 220 kV sub-station with Kushmandi 132 kV and Gangarampur 132 kV sub-station (RL≈52.3 K.M. D/C-OH and 5 K.M. S/C-OH)	21 Months from the date of LOA

Bid documents can be downloaded from 30.08.2025, 11:00 A.M. and bids shall be submitted up to 04:00 P.M., 23.09.2025. Visit the following websites - www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbsetcl.in for details.

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Bid Identification No. Online Tender/20-2025-26/BPR

Identification No.	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 20-2025-26/ BPR	Road Works under MMSY-IMPROVEMENT TO EXISTING RD ROADS	15 Nos	From Rs. 257.15 Lakhs to Rs.957.15 Lakhs	"B" Class, "A" Class & "Special" Class as applicable	Period of Completion as provided as per Col.No.5 of Annexure of NIT

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding From	Availability of tender online for bidding To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur.	Online Tender /20-2025-26/BPR	04.09.2025 at 10.00 A.M.	18.09.2025 upto 5.30 P.M.

(i) EMD / Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.
Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: - www.tendersodisha.gov.in
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Tender under Two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I Electrical License issued from KCEI, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work.

Name of the work : Providing Basic Electrical Infrastructure facilities to Mummigati Industrial Area Phase-2, Dharwad District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **03.10.2025 upto 04:00 pm.**

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INBRIEF

Govt. appoints Urjit Patel as IMF Executive Director

The government has approved the appointment of former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel as Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a period of three years on Thursday. He will replace K.V. Subramanian, whose services were terminated by the government six months ahead of his three-year tenure. The termination took effect on April 30. The IMF's executive board is composed of 25 directors (Executive Directors or EDs) elected by member countries or groups of countries. India is part of a four-country constituency, along with Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan. PTI

Railways notifies 150 special trains for festive season rush

Due to an increased demand in train travel during the upcoming festival season, the Indian Railways is running multiple special train services across States. Up to 150 puja special train services have been notified till date which will fulfil a total of 2,024 trips. Special trains will be running from September 21 to November 30 encompassing festivals of Durga Puja, Deepavali and Chhath Puja. The special trains will operate primarily in northern, eastern and southern parts of the country. A detailed calendar of the notified special trains is available on the IRCTC website and at railway stations.

Heavy rain leaves 5 dead, 11 missing in Uttarakhand

Downpour triggers landslides in Chamoli, Tehri, Rudraprayag and Bageshwar districts, damaging public and private infrastructure; travel advisories issued for pilgrims as CM orders rescue work

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Five people died and 11 went missing after torrential rain wreaked havoc in several parts of Uttarakhand on Friday. Eleven districts have issued travel advisories for pilgrims and tourists as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued orange and red alerts for different places in the Himalayan hill State.

The downpour which started on Thursday triggered landslides in Chamoli, Tehri, Rudraprayag and Bageshwar districts, causing heavy losses to both public and private infrastructure. Several houses were damaged and people were stranded on roads.

According to the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), a house and cowshed were buried under debris in Mopata village of Chamoli district, killing a couple while another couple were pulled out. The incessant rain and landslides in Basukedaar area of Rudraprayag caused heavy damage in more than half a dozen villages, said the SDMA. One woman died in a rain-related incident while eight were missing from various villages, including four labourers.

Under debris: SDRF personnel during a rescue operation at a rain-hit village in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand on Friday. PTI

"The worst-hit villages are Dungar village of Chenagadh where some people are missing after a landslide hit houses. A similar situation was reported in Jaula-Bhadeth village," said Prateek Jain, District Magistrate, Rudraprayag.

A landslide also hit Kedarnath valley in Rudraprayag and a bridge at Lawara village was swept away. Even the Alaknanda river had crossed the danger mark in the district, creating a flood-like situation in the ravines on both sides of Badeth, Bagaddhar and Taljamani villages.

In Bageshwar, torrential rain damaged nearly half a dozen houses in Pausari gram panchayat in Kapkot area, killing two women and leaving three others missing.

NDRF deployed

The officials in the district administration in the affected areas said all necessary steps are being taken to provide immediate assistance and shift affected residents to safe locations. Teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), the police, and revenue officials are actively engaged in relief work.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed grief over the loss of life and ordered the district administrations to ensure immediate relief and rescue work.

Uttarakhand has been one of the worst disaster-hit States in India during the ongoing monsoon season. Earlier this month, flash floods washed away the entire Dharali village in Uttarakashi. Sixty-eight people are still missing in Dharali and neighbouring Harsil, where an Army camp bore the brunt of the flood fury.

Plea cites bias against Bengali speakers; SC seeks govt. response

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought clarity from the Centre on a petition claiming authorities presume Bengali speakers are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, leading to bias, discrimination and "widespread and arbitrary detention" of migrant workers in multiple States.

"We would like you to clarify... The petition seeks to demonstrate there is a certain bias, namely, the use of a particular language becoming the source of a presumption that the speaker is a foreigner. Whether this is correct or not. You clarify that," Justice Joymalya Bagchi, part of a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant, orally addressed Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, representing the government.

The petition filed by an NGO, West Bengal Migrant Workers Welfare Board, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, alleged labourers from West Bengal were detained without due verification, procedural safeguards or compliance with established inter-State coordination protocols. The petition claimed they were deported in spite of documentation proving Indian citizenship. The NGO challenged the detention of migrant workers, particularly against the backdrop of a Home Ministry letter of May 2 "authorising inter-State verification and detention of suspected illegal immigrants".

Vehemently denying the allegation, Mr. Mehta questioned the *bona fide* of the petitioner. He countered why none of the aggrieved persons, allegedly facing deportation, had moved court. Justice Kant remarked they may not have the capacity to do so.

Mr. Mehta submitted "India was not the world's capital for illegal immigrants". He argued the government was only trying to ensure immigrants did not "eat away our resources which we can divert to our own citizens".

Justice Kant agreed illegal immigration through porous borders from Assam, Tripura to West Bengal was a reality.

But Justice Bagchi, on a lighter note, reacted with a question: "Mr. Solicitor, do you propose to build a wall like in America?" Mr. Mehta replied in the negative. The court scheduled the case on September 11.

Boarded-out officer cadets to be part of health scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has approved the extension of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) benefits to officer cadets invalidated from training on medical grounds attributable to, or aggravated by, military training.

Cadets who join institutions such as the National Defence Academy, Indian Military Academy and Officers Training Academy often suffer lifelong disabilities. Since they are not accorded ex-servicemen status (ESM), they have been ineligible for ECHS facilities. According to the Defence Ministry, this new measure seeks to ease the financial burden on affected families.

The one-time subscription fee of ₹1.2 lakh, applicable to ESM officers, will be waived for these cadets.

Navy reaffirms commitment to security in Indian Ocean

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The emerging leaders panel discussion under the aegis of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) was conducted at Southern Naval Command in Kochi from August 27 to 28.

Delegates from 19 member-countries participated, providing an inclusive platform for young naval leaders to exchange ideas and deliberate on the future of maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

Vice-Admiral V. Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, delivered the keynote address, reaffirming the Navy's commitment to dialogue, trust and cooperative security in the IOR.

The event comprised four sessions. The opening session examined the 'Strategic Importance of the IOR and Challenges from the Perspective of Young Officers', focusing on maritime trade security, climate change, geopolitical dynamics, and innovative solutions for safeguarding IOR. The second session explored the role of AI-enabled systems, cybersecurity, reconnaissance and space-based surveillance in maritime operations.

Exchanging ideas: The emerging leaders panel discussion was conducted at tne Southern Naval Command, Kochi. PIB

Day two featured discussions on the 'Future Role of IONS in Fostering Collaboration Towards Maritime Security', with emphasis on interoperability, joint exercises and professional exchanges. The concluding session, 'Harnessing Training Capabilities Amongst IONS Countries - Future Road Map', addressed pooling of resources, strengthening training linkages and developing common frameworks to enhance preparedness.

The discussions concluded with consensus on enhancing maritime domain awareness, advancing technological partnerships, and expanding shared training initiatives.

Travel vlogger Jyoti Rani seeks bail in spying case

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Travel vlogger Jyoti Rani, arrested on charges of espionage in May, on Friday sought a default bail from the Hisar court in Haryana on the ground that a complete challan has not been presented by the police within the stipulated 90-day period and the investigation in the case is not complete.

Moving an application for default bail through her counsel Mukesh Kumar, the accused pointed out that the prosecution had failed to file a complete challan within the stipulated period under Section 187 (2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, "The period of 90 days completed on August 15, 2025 at 1.35 a.m. and the police have not filed a complete challan in court till date and time".

Women biotech scientists await funds for research

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Almost five months after being selected for the DBT Biocare programme, an initiative by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to encourage women scientists, none of the 75 chosen candidates have received the funds promised nor salaries.

The DBT, which is under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), has been running the Biocare programme since 2011.

It is mainly meant for the career development of unemployed women scientists for whom it will be the first extramural research funding sanctioned by the government.

A doctoral woman researcher selected under the programme is eligible for a ₹60 lakh grant for three years. This also includes a salary component of ₹75,000 a month.

From 2020 to 2024, on average annually, nearly 50 women scientists have been beneficiaries of the programme, according to the response to a question in the Rajya Sabha in March this year.

Biocare programme has been running since 2011.

'No response'

This year, 75 women scientists were chosen for the programme on March 30, following which they are expected to begin their research projects.

However, one of the selected scientists said that in the absence of the required sanction letters or funds, they were unable to commence their research.

"For the past five months, we have been writing to the DBT regarding the release of funds. Initially, we were told that this would be released within a month but now nobody is responding to our calls. One of the conditions for this grant is that we cannot avail ourselves of research funds from any other project, so some of us have quit even international post-doctoral fellowships and are now left in the lurch," a researcher told *The Hindu* on condition of anonymity.

Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary in the DBT, told *The Hindu* in a text message that the funds would be released "in the next 10 days".

Sources in the Science Ministry said the delay was due to a change in the fund disbursal policy, effected since November 2024.

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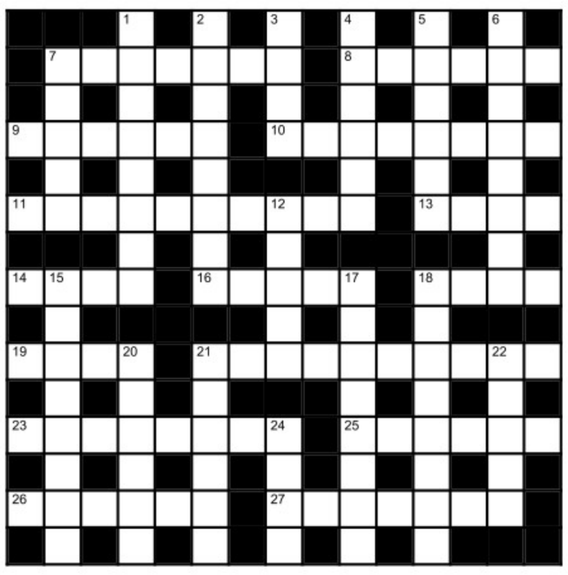

Across

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8 Baron wants cocktail in tour (6)
9 Preparing draft about institute without guidance (6)
10 One displacing article from row behind second store (8)
11 Deport criminal pirate held by judge (10)
13 Letter from the right college (4)
14 Came casually for summit (4)
16 Warning a bellboy from the middle near passage (5)
18 Enchantment of Ramayana (4)
19 Lady lost weight in Gulf country (4)
21 Unimaginative writer covering international trade, perhaps (10)
23 Short felines returning, caught burying a ball (8)
25 Animals running in shore shortly (6)
26 Able to hide in locality mainly. It's mysterious (6)
27 Hard to control husband with trauma at first in sympathy (7)

Down

1 Valuation not working in maisonette building (8)
2 Bearcat source of infection spreading germs (8)
3 Watches from both sides (4)
4 Group travelling to Peru (6)
5 European girl to enter lake and come out (6)
6 Story of largely ordinary novel (8)
7 Avoid party with director for example from the south (5)
12 Present a contest on crossword finally (5)
15 Church arranging meet by rector near yard in burial ground (8)
17 Primarily handle problem lifting space rocket (8)
18 Male coach bypassing head in union (8)
20 Delicious drink Puerto Rican rum I pour out (6)
21 Steps outside large settings (6)
22 Stop injured acrobat leaving a competition initially (5)
24 For starters only aloo tikkas - special breakfast item (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Suprabhatha for Ramanuja

Azhvars have the blessings of Lord Narayana, and Acharyas have the blessings of the Azhvars. Acharyas are sent to this world to lead us to moksha, said Elayavilli Sriram in a discourse. Ramanuja, the avatara of Adi Sesha, came to this earth to give spiritual guidance to people. Ramanuja was given the name Elayazhvar by his maternal uncle Thirumalai Nambi. Elayazhvar is a reference to Lakshmana, and just as Lakshmana served Rama, so did Ramanuja serve the Azhvars. So Elayazhvar was an apt name for him.

He initially studied under Yadavaprakasa in Thiruputkuzhi, a village near Kanchipuram. He later served Lord Varadaraja of Kanchi and eventually moved to Srirangam. Scholar Prativadi Bhayankaram Annan wrote a Suprabhata in praise of Ramanuja. Prativadi Bhayankaram Annan was one of the eight main disciples (*ashtadiggajas* – elephants of the eight directions) of Manavala Mamunigal. When we mention the word Suprabhatha, the first one that comes to our mind is Viswamitra's awakening call to Rama. The young Rama and Lakshmana were in the forest to protect Viswamitra's yaga from the asuras. As the two boys slept, Viswamitra sang his Suprabhatha to wake them up. Thondaradippodi Azhvar sang Thirupalliezhuchi – a morning song of greeting – for Lord Ranganatha of Srirangam. Prativadi Bhayankaram Annan has the distinction of having composed a Suprabhatha for Acharya Ramanuja. There are 18 slokas in Annan's Ramanuja Suprabhatha. The first sloka talks of Ramanuja's greatness. *Jaya Jaya yati sarvabhauma*.....begins the first verse. The very first words are *jaya, jaya*. The wish is for the Acharya to be victorious always. He is the embodiment of mercy.

INBRIEF

LIC pays ₹7,324.34 crore dividend to government

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Friday paid ₹7,324.34 crore dividend to the Centre. CEO and MD R. Doraiswamy presented the cheque to Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as the government of India's share of the dividend approved by the shareholders at the annual general meeting held on August 26, LIC said. Secretary to the Department of Financial Services Nagaraju M was among those present.

Textile exporters get another relief on raw material imports

Textile exporters who import certain varieties of polyester fibre or yarn that come under mandatory Quality Control Order (QCO) under the Advance Authorisation scheme now have 18 months time to fulfill the export obligation. The Centre said on Thursday the export obligation period against import of products subjected to QCO by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals under Advance Authorisation has been extended from six to 18 months.

Tata Motors unveils all-new Winger Plus at ₹20.60 lakh

Tata Motors has announced the introduction of the all-new 9-seater Tata Winger Plus at ₹20.60 lakh (ex-showroom, New Delhi). "The Winger Plus offers passengers a more comfortable, spacious and connected travel experience, while enabling fleet owners to achieve higher efficiency and profitability with lower total cost of ownership. It brings together the combination of design, features and technology to set new benchmarks in the segment," the company said.

Rupee hits a new low of ₹88.09 responding to additional tariffs

Analysts expect domestic currency to depreciate further to ₹89.5-₹90 against the U.S. dollar in the next few weeks before the RBI steps in

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The Indian rupee fell 0.58% to ₹88.09 against the U.S. dollar on Thursday responding to the additional tariffs imposed by the United States. The domestic currency may depreciate further in the range of ₹89.5-₹90 against the dollar in the coming weeks, analysts said.

Currency dealers reacted two days after the U.S.'s tariffs on Indian goods kicked in before selling off the rupee. Anindya Bannerjee, Currency and Commodities Head of Kotak Securities said that dealers were waiting to see if the central bank would step in and control the volatility.

"Once they realised RBI didn't, they started to sell off the rupee." The rupee depreciates when foreign exchange traders sell and appreciates when they buy. He added that the RBI may not have intervened because "when there is a trade war, everything is a tool in the war."

Chain reaction: A further increase in exports over imports may also quicken the pace of depreciation. REUTERS

"The RBI also wants the rupee to weaken so as to offset the impact of the higher tariffs, to make the exports more competitive," said Maneesh Sharma, who heads the Commodities and Currencies Research at Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers.

A depreciating currency would naturally make exports cheaper, as the value of goods that the U.S. would buy for a dollar from India would become cheaper. A further increase in exports over imports may also quicken the pace of depreciation.

Both analysts expect that RBI to step in if the rupee crosses ₹89.5 against the green back.

'Fickle India-U.S. trade policies continue to pose downside risks'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

RBI officials said the Indian economy remained resilient amid inflation dynamics

Persisting uncertainties related to India-U.S. trade policies continue to pose downside risk, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials said in the August edition of the RBI Bulletin.

"Inflation outlook for the near term has become more benign than anticipated earlier," they said in the State of the Economy article. However, they said the Indian economy remained resilient amid inflation dynamics.

"Domestic economic activity remained mixed across sectors in July. Timely progress of monsoon has boosted kharif sowing. While industrial activity remained subdued, manufacturing sector expanded, along with services sector sustaining the growth momentum," they wrote in the article.

Stating that the timely progress of southwest monsoon had helped increase kharif sowing, they said the favourable rainfall and temperature conditions bode well for the kharif agriculture season and an increase in real rural wages may support rural demand in the second half of the financial year.

"Coupled with the benign financial conditions, ongoing transmission of rate cuts, supportive fiscal measures and rising household optimism, the environment is conducive for holding up aggregate demand," they observed.

"Headline inflation, driven by muted food price pressures supported by favourable base effects, are likely to soften further below the 4% target in Q2 before inching up in the last quarter of the financial year," they said.

Bank credit growth exhibited a modest improvement in June 2025, driven by an uptick in credit to MSMEs, the officials said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	79,809	-0.34
US Dollar	88.09	-0.58
Gold	1,03,670	2.06
Brent oil	68.10	0.68

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2244.70	-30.50
Adani Ports	1312.80	-2.60
Apollo Hosp	7610.00	-118.00
Asian Paints	2518.60	29.60
Axis Bank	1045.20	-6.70
Bajaj Auto	8631.50	-58.00
Bajaj Finserv	1913.50	-4.10
Bajaj Finance	877.85	1.00
Bharat Elec	369.40	5.55
Bharti Airtel	1888.80	7.70
Cipla	1589.40	9.10
Coal India	374.80	0.50
Dr Reddys Lab	1260.10	0.30
Eicher Motors	6103.00	-30.00
Eternal Ltd.	313.95	-1.55
Grasim Ind	2775.60	-8.70
HCL Tech	1454.80	5.00
HDFC Bank	951.60	-6.20
HDFC Life	772.05	-3.30
Hero MotoCorp	5087.70	-4.00
Hindalco	703.95	2.55
Hind Unilever	2659.80	5.40
ICICI Bank	1397.80	-1.30
IndusInd Bank	739.50	-7.10
Infosys	1469.60	-30.50
ITC	409.75	8.85
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	311.70	1.60
JSW Steel	1026.60	-9.20
Kotak Bank	1960.30	15.60
L&T	3601.00	40.90
M&M	3199.50	-95.80
Maruti Suzuki	14791.00	39.00
NestleIndia	1156.20	-6.20
NTPC	327.55	-3.25
ONGC	233.71	0.32
PowerGrid Corp	275.25	0.80
Reliance Ind	1357.20	-28.70
SBI Life	1805.50	-11.30
State Bank	802.50	0.55
Shriram Finance Ltd.	580.25	8.60
Sun Pharma	1594.50	8.80
TataConsumerProduct	1065.40	3.00
Tata Motors	669.00	-6.45
Tata Steel	154.48	0.85
TCS	3084.70	-9.00
Tech Mahindra	1481.40	-14.20
Titan	3628.80	-8.90
Trent Ltd.	5298.00	62.50
UltraTech Cement	12640.00	119.00
Wipro	249.41	-1.24

Gross FDI at four-year high in June; net FDI fell 50%

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NEW DELHI

While the gross Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India grew to a four-year high in June 2025, the net amount contracted more than 50% owing to faster growth in repatriations by foreign companies in India, and outward investments by Indian companies, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The data, released as part of the RBI's monthly bulletin, shows that this trend holds true on a quarterly basis as well. Gross investments in the June 2025 quarter grew 10.5%, but were outpaced by the growth in outward FDI by Indian companies, leading to a contraction in net FDI.

Gross inflows into India, which measures the total amount entering the country, stood at $9.3 billion in June 2025, up nearly 22% compared with $7.6 billion in June 2024 and $7.2 billion in May 2025.

"Gross inward FDI reached a four-year high in June," the RBI noted in its report. "Even so, net FDI inflows remained muted due to an increase in both repatriation of FDI and outward FDI."

Repatriation or disinvestment, which is the amount of money foreign companies operating in India are sending outside, increased by 40.7% in June 2025 to $5.7 billion.

ONGC to continue buying Russian crude, says CEO

ONGC will continue to buy crude oil from Russia if the prices remain economically viable, Chairman and CEO Arun Kumar Singh said on Friday.

TVS unveils e-scooter Orbiter at ₹99,900

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

TVS Motor Company (TVSM) introduced its new electric scooter the TVS Orbiter at ₹99,900 (ex-showroom, inclusive of PM e-Drive scheme, Bengaluru and New Delhi).

The scooter comes with 158 km IDC range, cruise control, 34-litre boot space, hill hold assist, and advanced connected features, the company said.

Gaurav Gupta, president, India 2W business, TVS Motor Company said, "With TVS Orbiter, we are expanding our EV ecosystem and accelerating the adoption of electric mobility in India."

U.S. Govt. must lift tariffs: Australia's Farrell

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

Australia is willing to share minerals, critical minerals, rare earths with India, says Farrell.

At a time when the Trump tariffs have raised concerns, Australian Trade Minister Don Farrel said Australia does not support tariffs and the country had already asked the U.S. Government to lift the 10% levies slapped on Australia.

Expressing confidence on overcoming the hurdles in CECA (Comprehensive Economic Agreement) negotiations between India and Australia, he said the goodwill between the two countries and the current international circumstances 'where those countries that believe in free and fair trade need to expand relationship', will result in further extension of the agreement.

"We are at the cusp of a golden era of our relationship between Australia and India," he said while speaking with a small contingent of visiting Indian journalists in Canberra, at the Australian Parliament.

"We are a country that believes in free and fair trade. So, we don't support tariffs, whether they are on Australia or India. Obviously, your relationship with the United States is something for you to work through. But only this week, I've met with officials of the United States government to make it clear our view the 10% tariff imposed on Australia is not the right way to go and we will continue to push our argument that the American government should remove those tariffs," Mr. Farrell said.

When asked by *The Hindu* about the concerns around Adani mining operations in Australia, he said, "To the best of my knowledge, I've not been aware of any difficulties with that particular mine."

Elaborating on the ongoing CECA negotiations, he said, "I'm very confident that the goodwill that's been shown so far, the determination on the part of both sides to get a fair agreement, will result in a new agreement."

'Booming middle class'

He said Australia saw India as a booming economy with several bilateral opportunities, particularly in the agriculture sector. Thanks to the policies of the current government, the living standards are very quickly improving, and my understanding is that by 2030 you'll have something in the vicinity of 900 million people in the middle class. As people's living standards increase, then, demand for high quality food and wine also increases. And, we see fantastic opportunities for Australia in terms of its agricultural products."

Sharing rare earths

Adding Australia wanted to help India with its Net Zero transition, he said the country was willing to share its minerals, critical minerals, and rare earths with India. "We have the world's largest or second-largest reserves of all of those critical minerals and rare earths. We want to share our good luck with the people of India."

Uranium supply

Asked about the plan to export Uranium to India, he said, Australia has the opportunity to supply uranium to those countries which meet all the relevant international standards.

(The writer was in Canberra at the invitation of Australian Government)

NCLT okays Mantra's realty-project plan

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

A real estate redevelopment project stuck for about two decades in suburban Mumbai due to heavy debt is heading for resolution with the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approving the resolution plan of Pune-based Mantra Properties & Developers Private Ltd. which will take over the project and complete the unfinished task.

On August 26, NCLT Mumbai bench accepted Mantra's Resolution Plan.

Acme Realties, which had initially taken up the redevelopment of MHADA Colony, couldn't complete the project and was laden with a debt of more than ₹4,326 crore, leaving homebuyers and old occupants in the lurch.

Mantra Properties should now complete the project spread over 8.5 acre in Jogeshwari East.

The MHADA colony had 576 houses. In 2008, the residents decided on a composite redevelopment scheme and appointed Acme Realities Pvt. Ltd. to execute the project.

To finance the scheme, Acme raised substantial funds, which by the time the matter came to NCLT had reached ₹4,326.72 crore including interest.

Mantra submitted a ₹614-crore resolution plan, which included completing two towers with apartments for sale to home buyers.

Platforms decry Jharkhand gig worker welfare contribution gauge

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Jharkhand's Platform-Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2025 is facing some pushback from the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), which counts several gig work platforms-such as Zomato and Uber among its members.

The Bill runs contrary to the Code on Social Security, 2020, IAMAI said, and benchmarks contributions to social security by gross revenue instead of payouts to workers, the industry group said in a July 30 letter to the State's Department of Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development.

The bill risks being incomplete and disconnected from market realities, says IAMAI.

The Bill was passed on August 26 by the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly.

"One of the key concerns raised by IAMAI is the exclusion of platform companies from the current structure of the Welfare Board that is to be formed as per the Bill," IAMAI said. "Without collective representation from all sections of the gig ecosystem, including industry, the board's decision-making risks being both incomplete and disconnected from market realities."

Objects to levy

The body also "strongly objected" to the Bill's levy of 1-2% of annual gross revenue as a welfare contribution, calling the mandate a "financial burden on platform companies, particularly those functioning on low margins," arguing the requirement may "directly reduce the resources available for gig worker incentives, slow down innovation, and restrict regional growth, ultimately harming the very workers the Bill seeks to protect"

The other major industry body for platform firms, Nasscom, also opposed the provisions.

"Although a consultation was held in July 2024, it offered limited scope for a meaningful dialogue, with no discussion on key clauses and a narrow window for written feedback," Prakash Gupta, a policy executive at the grouping said in a post on August 1.

Bills to protect gig workers have been introduced in Rajasthan, Telangana and Karnataka.

Reliance floats AI subsidiary for Deep-Tech, mulls Jio IPO in H12026

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) has floated it's AI subsidiary - Reliance Intelligence to focus on AI infrastructure and Deep-Tech.

"This new company is conceived with four clear missions to house India's next-generation AI infrastructure. Reliance Intelligence will build gigawatt-scale, AI-ready data centres, powered by green energy and engineered for training and inference at national scale," RIL CMD Mukesh Ambani said at the company's AGM on Friday.

"Work has already begun on the gigawatt-scale, AI-ready data centres in Jamnagar. The new company will house global partnerships. Reliance Intelligence will bring the world's best tech-companies and open-source communities together with Reliance's deep-domain expertise and execution strength, to deliver performance leadership, resilient supply, and India-first compliance for AI, he said.

Calling investors: Stating Jio crossed 500 million subscribers, Mr. Ambani said Jio would unveil IPO in the first half of 2026. REUTERS

He announced an AI partnership with Google to build world-class assets and execute at India's scale with Google's leading cloud and AI technologies.

AI JV with Meta

He also announced an India-focused AI joint venture with Meta - for open-source AI adding RIL would foray into humanoid robotics.

Stating Jio had crossed 500 million subscribers, Mr. Ambani said Jio would unveil an IPO in the first half of 2026.

Reliance Industries, he said, would set up one of world's largest single-site solar projects spanning 5,50,000 acre of arid land at Kutch in Gujarat.

BEIRUT

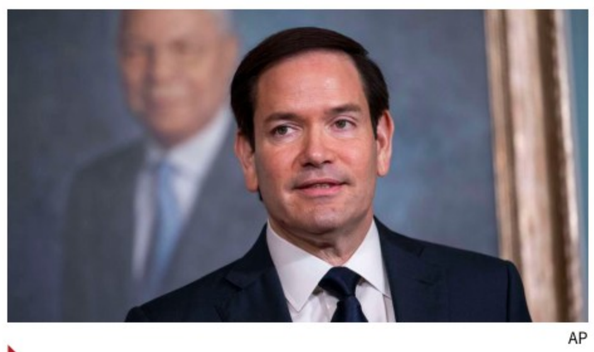
2,000 killed in sectarian violence in Syria's Druze heartland: monitor

AFP

A Syria monitor said on Friday that the death toll from sectarian violence in Sweida province in July has climbed to nearly 2,000, after dozens more bodies were identified. The week of bloodshed erupted on July 13 with clashes between Druze fighters and Sunni Bedouin. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. revokes visas of Palestinian officials ahead of UNGA meet



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Secretary of State Marco Rubio has revoked the visas of a number of Palestinian Authority and Palestine Liberation Organization officials ahead of next month's annual high-level meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, where the groups previously have been represented. AP

BANGKOK

Myanmar's military govt. declares Karen ethnic rebels terrorist group

AP

Myanmar's military government designated the Karen National Union a terrorist organisation on Thursday, making illegal virtually any activities connected with the major ethnic rebel group, including contact by third parties. A KNU spokesperson said on Friday the group would not care about the designation. AP

WASHINGTON

Donald Trump threatens to deploy National Guard in more U.S. cities

AP

President Donald Trump has threatened to deploy the National Guard to Chicago, New York, Seattle, Baltimore, San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, to fight what he says is runaway crime. Yet data shows most violent crime in those places and around the country has declined in recent years. AP

Mothers and children are starving in Gaza, says UN food agency chief

Cindy McCain says there isn't enough food in the territory and that she spoke with Netanyahu about the urgent need for more aid; Israeli military declares Gaza City is now 'a dangerous combat zone', and suspends mid-day pauses to fighting

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

The head of the UN food agency said on Thursday it was "very evident" during her visit to Gaza this week that there isn't enough food in the Palestinian territory and that she spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the urgent need for more aid.

The world's leading authority on food crises said last week the Gaza Strip's largest city is gripped by famine, and that it was likely to spread across the territory without a ceasefire and an end to restrictions on humanitarian aid.

Cindy McCain, the World Food Program's executive director, said starvation was under way in Gaza. "I personally met mothers and children who were starving in Gaza," she said. "It is real and it is happening now."

Hungry faces: Palestinians wait to receive food from a charity kitchen in Gaza City on Thursday. REUTERS

Mr. Netanyahu, she said, was "obviously very concerned that people aren't getting enough food". In the past, he has denied that there is famine in Gaza and said the claims about starvation are a propaganda campaign launched by Hamas. "We agreed that we must immediately redouble our efforts to get more humanitarian aid in. Access and security for our convoys is critical," Ms. McCain said.

Global pressure

The famine declaration has increased international pressure on Israel, which has been fighting Hamas since the militant group's deadly October 7, 2023, attack. Israel now says it plans to seize Gaza City and other Hamas strongholds, and there have been no public signs of progress on recent efforts for a ceasefire.

Meanwhile, Israel's military said Gaza City is now a dangerous combat zone, adding that it is in the "initial stages" of the planned offensive.

The military said it suspended midday pauses to fighting, which had allowed food and aid supplies to enter from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Gaza's largest city.

It also said it had recovered the body of a hostage and the remains of another, and vowed its military offensive would return more.

The Health Ministry in Gaza said five people have died from starvation and malnutrition over the past 24 hours. That raises the total number of deaths from such causes to 322, including 121 children.

Israel targets senior Houthi leaders in Sanaa strike

Reuters
ADEN

Israel targeted the Houthi group's chief of staff, Defence Minister and other senior figures in air strikes on Sanaa in Yemen on Thursday, and was still verifying the outcome, an Israeli military official said on Friday.

Yemeni Government sources told *Reuters* that Asaad al-Sharqabi, who oversaw the group's Defence Ministry, was killed in the strikes.

They added that another Israeli raid targeted a military site frequented by the Houthis' chief of staff, Muhammad Abd Al-Karim al-Ghamari.

The Houthi group did not immediately respond to a *Reuters* request for comment.

The Israeli military said fighter jets struck a compound in the Sanaa area where senior Houthi figures had gathered, describing the attack as a "complex operation" made possible by intelligence-gathering and air superiority.

"We took advantage of an intelligence window of opportunity to carry out the strike and acted with precision and speed at the right moment," a military official said in a statement.

Thai court ousts PM over phone call row

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

Thailand's Constitutional Court sacked Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra and her cabinet on Friday over her handling of the country's border row with Cambodia, throwing the kingdom into political turmoil.

Ms. Paetongtarn, daughter of billionaire ex-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, was suspended from office last month after being accused of failing to stand up for Thailand in a June call with powerful former Cambodian leader Hun Sen, which was leaked online.

The nine-judge panel ruled by six to three that she had not upheld the ethical standards required of a Prime Minister and removed her from office, pushing Thailand to the brink of political crisis, with no obvious candidate on hand to lead the fragile ruling coalition in Parliament.

"Her actions have led to a loss of trust, prioritising personal interest over national interest, which fuelled public suspicion that she was siding with Cambodia and diminished confidence in her as PM among Thai citizens," the ruling read out by one of the judges said.

"The defendant has not upheld the ethical code of conduct. Her tenure as Prime Minister effectively ended with the suspension on July 1."

Paetongtarn Shinawatra

The ruling, which also dissolved Ms. Paetongtarn's cabinet, came a year after the same court ousted her predecessor as Prime Minister, Srettha Thavisin, in an unrelated ethics case.

The case centred on her call with Mr. Hun Sen, Cambodia's longtime ruler and father of its current Premier, during which the pair discussed their respective countries' then-brewing row over their disputed border. Ms. Paetongtarn addressed Mr. Hun Sen as "uncle" and referred to a Thai military commander as her "opponent", sparking a furious reaction in Thailand.

Conservative lawmakers accused her of bending the knee to Cambodia and undermining the military.

The 39-year-old leader said she did her best to act in the national interest.

'Brazil mulls reprisals for 50% Trump tariffs'

Agence France-Presse
BRASÍLIA

Brazil is considering retaliatory trade measures against the United States, including tariffs, after U.S. President Donald Trump imposed 50% levies on a range of Brazilian imports, government sources said on Thursday.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva gave his approval for a study of which retaliatory actions – if any – Brazil could take for the punishment imposed by Mr. Trump over the coup-plotting trial of his ally Jair Bolsonaro, two government sources said.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry will have 30 days to determine whether the U.S. tariffs fall under a recent Economic Reciprocity Law. If they do, a group of experts will propose countermeasures, which could include reciprocal tariffs, a source said.

The Brazilian government will formally notify the United States on Friday of its decision to examine possible reprisals, the source added.

The Economic Reciprocity Law, adopted in April, allows the government to take "countermeasures" against countries that unilaterally act to harm Brazil's competitiveness. The measures include suspending trade concessions, investments, or intellectual property agreements.

A week after arrest, Ranil discharged from hospital

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Former President of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe was on Friday discharged from the Colombo National Hospital, where he was treated for nearly a week, following his arrest on August 22, for alleged misuse of public funds while in office.

The senior politician was rushed to the intensive care unit of Colombo's best-known public hospital on August 23, after doctors said he was "severely dehydrated", and advised close monitoring of his hypertension and diabetes condition. He was granted bail on August 26 on health grounds, amid criticism from political opposition that termed the arrest an act of "political revenge" by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's government.

"Mr. Wickremesinghe was sent home today [Friday] and he will be under medical supervision," Ruwan Wijewardene, deputy leader of Mr. Wickremesinghe's United National Party, told *The Hindu* on Friday evening. Mr. Wickremesinghe is expected to make a statement this weekend. In a photograph shared by former minister Harin Fernando on social media on Friday, Mr. Wickremesinghe, apparently preparing to leave hospital, was seen holding a copy of former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's memoir *Unleashed*.

Political scene: Supporters of Sri Lanka's jailed ex-President Ranil Wickremesinghe protest his arrest in Colombo on August 26. AFP

The arrest of the former President and six-time Prime Minister drew both local and international media attention. It was the first time a former Head of State in Sri Lanka faced arrest, and the case pertained to Mr. Wickremesinghe's September 2023 visit to the U.K., when a British University honoured his wife, an academic. Mr. Wickremesinghe's office has denied the allegations that he used public funds for a private visit, and said he visited London while returning from Havana, where he attended the G77 summit, and New York, where he addressed the UN General Assembly.

While past Presidents and several opposition members have condemned the arrest, the government has sought to justify the move contending: "everyone is equal before law". The arrest comes as part of the administration's ongoing anti-corruption drive, nearly a year after Mr. Dissanayake rose to power on the promise of weeding out corruption. Over a dozen former ministers and top officials have been arrested in the past few months on charges of corruption and misappropriation.

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4	2025_KMML_791948_1	For Design, Fabrication, supply and commissioning assistance of LPG Vaporizer
5	2025_KMML_791848_1	For Supply of 70 MT Potassium Chloride
6	2025_KMML_791912_1	For the supply of 500 MR of Pipe SS304 Seamless
7	2025_KMML_792282_1	For the supply of Support Roller Assembly for Roaster and Calciner
8	2025_KMML_792290_1	For supply of control cables and signal cables of various sizes

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Osaka responds to Ostapenko's racist remarks on Townsend

GETTY IMAGES

Naomi Osaka hit out at Jelena Ostapenko after the Latvian triggered accusations of racism. Ostapenko launched a furious on-court tirade at Taylor Townsend who later revealed of being accused of having "no education and no class." "It's one of the worst things you can say to a Black tennis player," Osaka said.

BEST PARTNER

Venus back in business in doubles, this time with Fernandez

AFP

Venus Williams won a women's doubles match at the US Open for the first time in more than a decade, teaming with Leylah Fernandez to defeat the sixth-seeded pair of Lyudmyla Kichenok and Ellen Perez 7-6(4), 6-3. The 45-year-old called Fernandez, who is 22, "the best partner I ever played with — outside of Serena."

WHAT A START!

Thalaivas rally to down Titans; Paltans, Bulls play first tie breaker

K.R. DEEPAK

Tamil Thalaivas registered the first win of PKL 12, defeating Telugu Titans 38-35 in a closely contested match. Puneri Paltan and Bengaluru Bulls scripted history as they played out the first-ever tie-breaker in league stage, and in PKL history. The two teams were tied at 32-32 before the Paltans prevailed 6-4 in the tie-breaker.

AND SO IT BEGINS

PKL season 12 inaugrated with great fervour and zest

K.R. DEEPAK

Sprinter Jyothi Yarraji, Rajasthan Royals prodigy Vaibhav Suryavanshi, badminton legend P. Gopi Chand, hockey great Dhanraj Pillay, Paralympian Yogesh Kathuniya and the now-retired PKL icon Pardeep Narwal were part of the pre-season festivities as PKL season 12 got underway in Vishakapatnam.

Erratic India fails to impress in narrow victory over China

Captain Harmanpreet performs a hat-trick to get his side off to a winning start; coach Fulton, however, would be concerned about the defence; Japan routs Kazakhstan while Korea thumps Chinese Taipei to begin title defence in style

ASIA CUP

Uthra Ganesan
RAJGIR

Showing the way: Harmanpreet, second left, made sure the home team picked up three points from the opener. R.V. MOORTHY

If possession and domination on field was the only measure of a team's success, India would be runaway winner in its opening game of the Asia Cup hockey against China at the Rajgir Sports Complex here on Friday.

It is not and the scoreline of 4-3, in favour of the host, is a better indicator of several things that coach Craig Fulton would be keenly observing as he plans for not just the remaining games here but also the major tournaments next year. Key among them would be the choice of personnel and their ability to keep their mind under pressure.

Despite India's much higher ranking, China was always expected to be a tough opposition. The two teams' recent matches have been close and the sweltering 3 p.m. start did not help.

India's recent troubles, outside of absence of wins, have been well-known – slow starts, a dip in sharpness at the start of every quarter and a visible drop of levels in the final quarter. Against China, while the last one was clearly taken care of, the other two still appeared in patches. A fast start saw India seemingly go one up in the second minute itself, only for Mandeep Singh's goal to be cancelled on China's referral after he appeared to have pushed his marker – the first of two Indian goals to be disallowed.

India had already missed a penalty corner and an open chance before that.

Thereafter, however, the Indians were a group of erratic men running around with little structure. The Chinese, patient and ready to step up on counters, took advantage of one such break in the Indian defence, taking lead off its first PC to silence the vocal crowd. The equaliser finally came in the 18th minute through Jugraj Singh off India's third PC and Harmanpreet put the Indians ahead soon.

Six minutes later, Sukhjeet's foot struck the ball before he shot in and the goal was disallowed. Harmanpreet got two more, the hat-trick goal coming in the 47th minute, the ball slotted high into the net on the left near the roof.

Fulton, however, would be concerned about his defence. The Chinese entered the Indian circle eight times and earned five PCs, converting three. More importantly, they got three different players to score, highlighting the options they have.

Harmanpreet struck the post off a penalty stroke. The Indians, in short, looked content with just a win without going all out.

The results:

Pool-A: India 4 (Harmanpreet Singh 20, 33, 47, Jugraj Singh 18) bt China 3 (Shihao Du 12, Benhai Chen 35, Jiesheng Gao 41); Japan 7 (Koji Yamasaki 13, 36, Kosei Kawabe 1, Naru Kimura 5, Ken Nagayoshi 48, Shota Yamada 50, Ryosuke Shinohara 54) bt Kazakhstan 0.

Pool-B: Malaysia 4 (Ashran Hamsani 25, Akhimullah Anuar 36, Abdu Rauf Muhajir 48, Syed Cholan 54) bt Bangladesh 1 (Ashraful Islam 16); Korea 7 (Dain Son 17, 29, 58, Jihun Yang 27, 50, Seyong Oh 53, Yoonho Kong 54) bt Chinese Taipei 0.

Sindhu falls to Wardani in a dramatic contest

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
PARIS

Giving it her all: Sindhu fought valiantly before bowing out. AP

Two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu's quest for a sixth World championships medal ended on Friday after she lost a thriller to Indonesia's Putri Kusuma Wardani 14-21, 21-13, 16-21 in the quarterfinals. Sindhu, the 2019 World champion, lost to the ninth seed in a 64-minute contest.

Sindhu struggled to close out the big points. With the score 3-3, a flurry of errors from the Indian allowed the Indonesian to seize control, moving into the mid-game break 11-7. Wardani widened the margin to 18-9 and sealed it 21-14 as Sindhu repeatedly went wide and long.

Sindhu, however, stormed back in the second, tightening her net play and finding her range in smashes. From 4-2, she climbed to a 16-6 lead as Wardani's game unravelled. The 30-year-old Indian clinched the game 21-13 with a booming cross-court winner.

In the decider, Sindhu fell 0-3 behind before unleashing relentless returns to draw level 3-3. Wardani defended stubbornly, but she wilted under pressure with the score on 5-4. A gripping 59-shot rally followed, with Wardani blunting everything thrown at her before netting and handing the point to Sindhu.

The momentum kept swinging and Sindhu kept fighting, narrowing it to 15-16 from 11-15. At 17-16, the Indonesian hit a precise deep smash. A costly misjudgment from the Indian at the backline provided a three-point cushion for Wardani.

When Sindhu netted again, Wardani had four match points and the Indian went wide again to bow out.

Dhruv-Tanisha out

Earlier in the day, the Indian mixed doubles pair of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto bowed out, losing 15-21, 13-21 to World No. 4 Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei of Malaysia.

The Indian men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty stormed into the quarterfinals with a 19-21, 21-15, 21-17 win over Olympic silver medalists Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang on Thursday.

Top shots: Ankur, Rajkanwar and Gurpreet with the gold medals.

Rajkanwar clinches centre fire pistol

ASIAN SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu shot 583 to win the 25m centre fire pistol gold in the 16th Asian shooting championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on Friday. India finished with 99 medals, including 50 gold and 26 silver. As many as 55 of them were individual ones.

The results: 25m centre fire pistol: Men: 1. Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu 583, 2. Lee Jaekyoon (Kor) 580, 3. Javad Foroughi (Iri) 579; 4. Gurpreet Singh 579, 11. Ankur Goel 571; RPO: Amanpreet Singh, Gurgaven Singh Sidhu 568. **Team:** 1. India 1733.

25m sports pistol: Junior men: 1. Suraj Sharma 588, 2. Abhinav Choudhary 582, 3. Mukesh Nelavalli 576; RPO: Sameer Ghulia 582; Somil Chaudhary 573; Sahil Choudhary 568. **Team:** 1. India 1746.

50m rifle prone: Women: 1. Im Hana (Kor) 620.2; 2. Lee Eunseo (Kor) 620.2; 3. Manini Kaushik 617.8; **Team:** 1. Korea 1856.8; 2. India 1846.0.

Junior women: 1. Oh Sehee (Kor) 618.6; 2. Prachi Gaikwad 616.6; 3. Sofya Malkina (Kaz) 616.3; **Team:** 1. Korea 1844.4; 2. Kazakhstan 1830.1; 3. India 1823.4.

Double trap: Men: 1. Ankur Mittal 107 (WR); 2. Artyom Chikulayev (Kaz) 98; 3. Ahmad Alaffasi (Kuw) 96; 14. Bhanu Pratap Singh 82; 16. Harshvardhan Kaviya 75.RPO: Shaikh Mohsin 92. **Team:** 1. Kazakhstan 283; 2. Qatar 266; 3. India 264.

Junior men: 1. Assylkhan Aisalbayev (Kaz) 92; 2. Hatim Mohammmed 89; 3. Manavrajsinh Chudasama 87; 7. Vinay Pratap Chandrawat 81; RPO: Yadvendra Chundawat 88; Mohammad Haris 85; Arshabh Singh 75. **Team:** 1. India 257; 2. Kazakhstan 246; 3. Uzbekistan 241.

Women: 1. Anushka Singh Bhati 93; 2. Rajkuwar Ingle 89; 3. Yeshaya Contractor 87. **Team:** 1. India 269; 2. Kazakhstan 220.

Junior women: 1. Anita Nurlanova (Kaz) 81; 2. Eleonora Ibragimova (Kaz) 78; 3. Avani Koli 77. **Team:** 1. Kazakhstan 228; 2. India 199.

Alcaraz sails through; Raducanu exits; Majchrzak claws back from the brink

US OPEN

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Relentless: Majchrzak, down two sets to love, turned the tables on Khachanov. AP

Carlos Alcaraz surged into the fourth round of the US Open on Friday even as Emma Raducanu's hopes of another fairytale run in New York came to a juddering halt.

Spanish second seed Alcaraz breezed past Italian 32nd seed Luciano Darderi in emphatic fashion, winning 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 on the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Alcaraz's one hour 44-minute victory sends the 2022 US Open champion into a meeting on Sunday against France's Arthur Rinderknech, who defeated compatriot Benjamin Bonzi 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Raducanu was steamrollered in straight sets by Kazakh ninth seed Elena Rybakina, losing 6-1, 6-2.

Reigning men's champion Jannik Sinner charged into the third round on Thursday.

Sinner swatted Australia's Alexei Popyrin aside 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to run his Grand Slam winning streak on hard courts to 23 matches.

Russian 15th seed Andrey Rublev beat American wild card Tristan Boyer in four sets.

He advanced to a last-32 match against Hong Kong's Coleman Wong. The 21-year-old qualifier continued his fairytale run with a 7-6(5), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 win over Australian Adam Walton.

Karen Khachanov became the biggest casualty in the men's draw, the Russian ninth seed blowing away a two-set lead and losing 2-6, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-5, 7-6(10-5) to Poland's Kamil Majchrzak.

Important results (third round): Men: 20-Lehecka (Cze) bt Collignon (Bel) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; 2-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 32-Darderi (Ita) 6-2, 6-4, 6-0; Rinderknech (Fra) bt Bonzi (Fra) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

On Thursday:

Second round: 1-Sinner (Ita) bt Popyrin (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; 27-Shapovalov (Can) bt Royer (Fra) 7-6(6), 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-3; ; 14-Paul (USA) bt Borges (Por) 7-6(6), 6-3, 5-7, 5-7, 7-5; 10-Musetti (Ita) bt Goffin (Bel) 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; 24-Cobolli (Ita) bt Brooksby (USA) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (10-3); Munar (Esp) bt 31-Diallo (Can) 7-5, 6-3, 7-5; 3-Zverev (Ger) bt Fearnley (GBr) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Wong (HKG) bt Walton (Aus) 7-6(5), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; 15-Rublev bt Boyer (USA) 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6(4); Majchrzak (Pol) bt 9-Khachanov 2-6, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-5, 7-6(10-5); Riedi (Sui) bt 19-Cerundolo (Arg) 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; Altmaier (Ger) bt 26-Tsitsipas (Gre) 7-6(5), 1-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; 8-De Minaur (Aus) bt Mochizuki (JPN) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Women: (third round): 9-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Raducanu (GBr) 6-1, 6-2.

On Thursday: Parry (Fra) bt Zarazua (Mex) 6-2, 2-6, 7-6(10-7); 27-Kostyuk (Ukr) bt Sonmez (Tur) 7-5, 6-7(5), 6-3; 21-Noskova (Cze) bt Lys (Ger) 6-4, 3-0, retd.; 11-Muchova (Cze) bt Cirstea (Rou) 7-6(0), 6-7(3), 6-4; 15-Kasatkina (Aus) bt Rakhimova (Rus) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; 23-Osaka (Jpn) bt Baptiste (USA) 6-3, 6-1; 28-Frech (Pol) bt Stearns (USA) 6-7(6), 6-3, 6-2; 3-Gauff (USA) bt Vekic (Cro) 7-6(5), 6-2; 18-Haddad Maia (Bra) bt Golubic (Sui) 6-1, 6-4; 29-Kalinskaya bt Putintseva (Kaz) 6-1, 7-5.

Star presence: Narwal takes a selfie with the PKL team captains. K.R. DEEPAK

I did feel that I could play more: Narwal

PKL

Anirudh Velamuri
VISAKHAPATNAM

There is a thin line between acclaim and adoration, between fandom and devotion. If there is one player in Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) history that crossed that line, it's Pardeep Narwal.

Going unsold in the player auction was the final nail in the coffin as Narwal – labelled the Record Breaker for his outstanding feats as a raider – announced his retirement.

"I did feel that I could play more, if not for me, then for the fans," he admitted in a media interaction here on Friday. Narwal has kept busy and is set to inaugurate his academy in a few days. The best tributes to Narwal's legacy comes best from those who had to train him or prepare to face him.

"Even today, when we do video sessions, we model Pardeep. There are times when the defence would completely catch Pardeep but he finds a way and wriggles out," two-time PKL-winning coach B.C. Ramesh - who is in charge of Bengaluru Bulls this season - exclaimed. "God gave kabaddi a player like this, with the name of Pardeep Narwal," he added.

The 28-year-old leaves as the most prolific raider in PKL history, having scored 1,801 raid points at an average of 9.47 per match.

INBRIEF

Madushanka hat-trick fires Sri Lanka to incredible win

Dilshan Madushanka took a last-over hat-trick to secure Sri Lanka a seven-run victory over Zimbabwe in the first One-Day International in Harare on Friday.

The scores: Sri Lanka 298/6 in 50 overs (Nissanka 76, Liyanage 70 n.o., Kamindu Mendis 57) bt Zimbabwe 291/8 in 50 overs (Raza 92, Curran 70, Williams 57, Munyonga 43 n.o., Madushanka 4/62, Fernando 3/50).

Junior Indian boxers win 26 medals across categories

India's junior boxers won seven gold, seven silver, and 12 bronze at the third Belt and Road International Youth Boxing Gala in Xinjiang, China across weight categories.

Jamil begins stint in style as India stuns Tajikistan

Anwar opens the scoring in the fifth minute before Jhingan adds a second eight minutes later as the Blue Tigers taste success on foreign soil for the first time in nearly two years

Breaking through: Anwar's strike set the tone for India. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

CAFA NATIONS CUP

Sports Bureau

India head coach Khalid Jamil began his stint in style as his team shocked the 106th-ranked Tajikistan 2-1 in the CAFA Nations Cup in Hisor, Tajikistan, on Friday.

Anwar Ali and Sandesh Jhingan found the target for the Blue Tigers while Shahrom Samiev pulled one back for the host. It was India's first win on foreign soil in nearly two years, the previous victory coming in November 2023 against Kuwait.

The 133rd-ranked India found an early breakthrough when Anwar's header crossed the goal-line in the fifth minute.

Jamil's strategy of long throws and aggressive runs from the centre-backs bore fruit as three of India's backline was involved in the second goal.

Anwar's cross from the right was headed on target by Rahul Bheke before Tajikistan goalkeeper Muhriddin Hasanov got a hand to it. However, Jhingan struck on the follow up.

Though Samiev reduced the margin in the 23rd minute, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saved a penalty with his leg in the second half.

The result:
Tajikistan 1 (Samiev 23) lost to India 2 (Anwar 5, Jhingan 13).

Out of sorts: Neeraj's best was nowhere close to Weber's big throw.

Neeraj finishes second in season finale

DIAMOND LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
ZURICH

Neeraj Chopra finished runner-up in men's javelin at the Diamond League Finals for the third season in a row as Julian Weber of Germany lifted his maiden trophy with two 90m-plus throws here on Thursday.

Neeraj was lying third till the fifth round following his opening throw of 84.35m before his final effort of 85.01m took him to the second spot, overtaking Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago who ended third with 84.95m.

Weber achieved a season world leading 91.57m, his personal best, in his second attempt. He began with 91.37m, and after that it was a one-man show in the seven-man field.

None of his rivals could come near his mark, as his best effort of the day was over 6m more than Neeraj.

Pakistan beats Afghanistan

Agence France-Presse
SHARJAH

Skipper Salman Agha hit an unbeaten half-century and fast bowler Haris Rauf grabbed four wickets as Pakistan upstaged Afghanistan by 39 runs in the tri-series opener here on Friday. Agha hit a 36-ball 53 with three sixes and as many boundaries.

The scores:
Pakistan 182/7 in 20 overs (Salman Agha 53 n.o.) bt Afghanistan 143 in 19.5 overs (Rashid Khan 39, Haris Rauf 4/31).

Ghazali edges Dilbag to men's 94kg gold

WEIGHTLIFTING

Sports Bureau

Malaysia's Mohamad Shyahmi Bin Nor Ghazali edged out home favourite Dilbag Singh by 1kg to win the men's 94kg gold in the Commonwealth weightlifting championships in Ahmedabad on Friday.

Dilbag lifted 153kg to take a 3kg lead over Ghazali in snatch. But the Malaysian sensationally fought back to lift 193kg in his second clean and jerk attempt against the Indian's 189kg.

The results: Senior: Men:
88kg: 1. Braydon Kennedy (Can) snatch 164kg, clean and jerk 183kg, total 347kg; 2. Muhammad Hafizuddin Bin Roslin (Mas) 155kg, 185kg, 340kg; 3. Alex Bellemarre (Can) 152kg, 184kg, 336kg; **94kg:** 1. Mohamad Shyahmi Bin Nor Ghazali (Mas) 150kg, 193kg, 343kg; 2. Dilbag Singh 153kg, 189kg, 342kg; 3. Oliver Saxton (Aus) 150kg, 186kg, 336kg.
Women: 1. Eileen Cikamatana (Aus) 110kg, 145kg, 255kg; 2. Litia Nacagilevu (NZ) 107kg, 128kg, 235kg; 3. Vanshita Verma 95kg, 127kg, 222kg.

Ghazali. VIJAY SONEJI

Nabi's sensational burst helps North gain a massive first-innings lead

DULEEP TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

A hat-trick by North Zone's Auqib Nabi (10.1-1-28-5) enlivened day two of the Duleep Trophy quarterfinal at the BCCI Centre of Excellence here as East Zone folded for 230 in reply to North Zone's first-innings total of 405.

The 28-year-old from Jammu & Kashmir, who scalped 44 wickets in his side's run to the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy quarterfinals, dismissed the last five batters, including four in four balls, to help North secure a massive 175-run lead.

Virat Singh (69, 102b, 7x4, 2x6) saw his middle-stump uprooted; Manishi - who had completed a six-wicket haul earlier on Friday (6/111) - shouldered arms only for the cherry to keep low and thud into the pads; Mukhtar Hussain was castled, before Suraj Sindhu Jaiswal was caught behind off the first ball of Nabi's next over.

Mohammed Shami was the last to go, trapped in front, as Nabi completed a sensational spell (3.1-0-5-5) to cap a golden day that also saw him make 44 valuable runs (33b, 5x4, 2x6) coming in at No. 9 to help North add 97 runs to its day one score of 308 for six.

The 28-year-old even hit Shami – who had brutally roughed up overnight batter Kanhaiya Wadhawan with consecutive body blows, one on the hand and the other on the helmet – for a clean six, perhaps a harbinger of things to come.

However, until Virat was at the crease for East, there was no inkling of a collapse. The dashing southpaw, who drove and cut with aplomb, put on 60 runs for the fourth wicket with captain Riyan Parag (39, 47b, 3x4, 2x6) and 74 for the fifth with Kumar Kushagra (29, 61b, 5x4). The Jharkhand batter brought up his half-century by hitting offie Sahil Lotra for a straight six.

But from 200 for four, East crumbled like a house of cards to give North firm control of the tie.

Wrecker-in-chief: Nabi, right, hastened the end of the East innings with a dream spell. ALLEN EGENUSE

The scores:
North 405 in 93.2 overs (Ankit Kumar 30, Yash Dhull 39, Ayush Badoni 63, Nishant Sindhu 47, Kanhaiya Wadhawan 76, Auqib Nabi 44, Manishi 6/111) vs. East 230 in 56.1 overs (Utkarsh Singh 38, Riyan Parag 39, Virat Singh 69, Nabi 5/28).
Central 532/4 decl. in 102 overs (Aryan Juyal 60 retd. hurt, Danish Malewar 203 retd. out, Rajat Patidar 125, Yash Rathod 87 n.o., Shubam Sharma 34) vs. North East 168/7 in 65 overs (Y. Karnajit 48, Ashish Thapa 35, Ankur Malik 31 batting, Aditya Thakare 3/23).

A lot has changed in the last year: Nabi

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

When Jammu & Kashmir made the quarterfinals of the Ranji Trophy in 2024-25 only for the third time in its history, pacer Auqib Nabi played a starry role.

He took 44 wickets – the second-highest tally of the season – including six in the stunning five-wicket win over Mumbai where he dismissed batters like Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shreyas Iyer.

Purple patch

On Friday here at the BCCI Centre of Excellence, the right-arm quick continued his purple patch with a five-wicket haul (5/28) - including a hat-trick – that flattened East Zone in the Duleep Trophy quarterfinal.

"A lot has changed in the last year," the 28-year-old said after play on day two. "This is my debut for North Zone after being the highest wicket-taker for a pacer (in the last Ranji season), and you need the right reward for your performances. With the help of coaches and blessings of god, I have been able to bowl well."

Nabi comes from a State that is a cricketing outlier, with its own history of administrative apathy and infrastructure issues. But none of it has dampened his spirits.

> Whenever someone starts playing cricket, the only motivation is to play for India. You have to keep improving if you want to play for India

"Whenever someone starts playing cricket, the only motivation is to play for India," he said. "Mine was the same. If doesn't matter if you have limited resources... one shouldn't give that as an excuse. You have to keep improving if you want to play for India."

Pat from Arshdeep

India pacer and fellow North Zone bowler Arshdeep Singh lauded Nabi's effort.

"When he was bowling in the nets, I think he took seven wickets in the first 10 balls. We thought there was something special there. We are now seeing the glimpses of the hard work he put in the Ranji Trophy."

How an eagle-eyed Langer is proving young Arshin's guiding light

Tarun Shastry
CHENNAI

When arguably one of the game's finest openers is following your progress, stays in touch and sends a text saying, *"Perfect. Very good job!"* – you know you've done something right.

Maharashtra's Arshin Kulkarni, playing in the Buchi Babu tournament here, earned that exact compliment from his Lucknow Super Giants coach, Justin Langer, after a stunning performance.

The 20-year-old from Solapur scored a sensational 146 in the first innings and followed it up with a composed 69 in the second, guiding Maharashtra to a comprehensive win over Himachal Pradesh.

In an exclusive chat with *The Hindu*, Arshin reflected on the knock, his time with LSG during the IPL, and his rapport with Langer.

"Firstly, I'm pleased I could contribute to my team. I've been to Chennai before, during the IPL and trained here. The wicket was excellent – it felt really good to bat on", Arshin said.

Follow than man! In Arshin's initial interaction with Langer, the latter advised him to watch Maxwell closely. X@ARSHIN03

Recollecting the moment he was picked in the IPL auction, he said, "I was at home with my mom and sister. When LSG picked me, they both had tears in their eyes – happy tears. It was one of the most emotional moments for our family".

His IPL experience, especially the exposure in the dressing room, left a lasting impression.

"It was surreal to share the space with legends. Just observing their work ethic and discipline taught me so much. Rishabh bhaiyya gave me amazing advice – keep things simple and always stay in the present. That really stuck with me".

Talking about Langer, Arshin shared a key moment from one of their early interactions.

"During our first practice session, JL told me, 'Watch the ball like Maxwell'. He referenced Maxwell's 201 in the World Cup – especially how he watched the ball so closely, even when he couldn't move. That advice stayed with me".

"JL and I still stay in touch. We keep talking about my batting. I texted him after scoring 146 and 69 in the Buchi Babu, and he replied, *'Perfect. Very good job!'* That message meant a lot".

For Arshin, the message is simple: stay grounded and keep doing the job.

Hamilton needs to produce better qualifying performances: Coulthard

FORMULA ONE

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Former F1 driver David Coulthard feels Lewis Hamilton needs to improve his qualifying performances and have a good second half of the season to show he has still got it, as the F1 caravan regroups this weekend in Zandvoort for the Dutch GP.

"Lewis is not as quick in qualifying as Charles (Leclerc so far), and therefore, he hasn't been on the grid in the right place. You race where you qualify. If you qualify at the front, you race at the front; if you qualify in the middle, that's where you race. It is very difficult to race to the front unless you've had a technical issue in qualifying," said Coulthard in a media interaction organised by FanCode.

After 14 rounds, Leclerc leads Hamilton 151-109 in the inter-Ferrari battle.

Time to get going: Hamilton has 10 races left to edge Leclerc in the battle for supremacy among Ferrari drivers. FILE PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

"So I'm nervously watching the second half of the season to see whether Lewis, we all know has been there in the past, can return.

" If he continues to be second-best in the team between now and the end of the year, then all hope goes out that the new regulations next year will suddenly feel very different and work for him.

"If it doesn't, then it's over," added the 13-time Grand Prix winner.

Commenting on this year's driver's title between McLaren drivers Oscar Piastri and Lando Norris, Coulthard opined that his former team might slightly lean towards the latter since he has been there for seven years.

"In many ways, it feels that Lando would be, let's say, the McLaren subconscious favourite because of having been there for longer, and he's built his profile from a media point of view over more years. But you cannot deny Oscar's performance."

"If we apply the data, Oscar is leading at the halfway stage.

"He's there not by luck, but by results.

"So based on what we've seen so far, you would say he will win the World Championship. It's so tight, it could go all the way," said Coulthard.

(*FanCode* is the official broadcaster for F1 in India)

India's first Mondo track inaugurated in New Delhi

The annual National Sports Day turns into country-wide mass movement with celebrations to continue over the weekend

GENERAL

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Sports Day was celebrated by millions of people across the country in line with the aim of the Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to make it a *Jan andolan*.

The minister started the day by paying floral tributes to the statue of Major Dhyan Chand at the National Stadium and was active on the playground later at the Nehru Stadium with multiple sports activities, including a cricket match against the Media XI.

Mandaviya also inaugurated the country's first Mondo track along with the PCI president Devendra Jhajharia, Olympian Anju Bobby George, Head of World Para Athletics Paul Fitzgerald, para athletes Sumit Antil, Simran Sharma, Preeti Pal, Praveen Kumar and many others. "There is no bigger classroom than the sporting arena, and no greater teacher than sports", said the Minister.

World and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra called it a "a milestone moment for sport in Bharat".

The celebrations will continue with sports debates, conclaves and indigenous sports on Saturday, followed by the Fit India Sundays on Cycle drive.

New facility: Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya unveiling the Mondo track in the presence of Sumit Antil, Anju Bobby George and Devendra Jhajharia. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Top international stars for archery league

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Olympic medal-winning recurve archers Brady Ellison, Mete Gazoz and Alejandra Valencia and world's top ranked compound archers Mike Schloesser, Mathias Fullerton, Andrea Becerra and Ella Gibson will be part of a star-studded international line-up for the inaugural Archery Premier League (APL) to be held at the Yamuna Sports Complex in Delhi from October 2 to 12.

Altogether 12 foreigners will be seen in action in the opening edition. "The line-up of athletes for the first season of the APL will provide a competitive product and help in the growth of the sport," said Archery Association of India (AAI) president Arjun Munda.

GOLF ROUND-UP

Proud moment: Kshitij receives his trophy. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Kshitij comes from behind to claim the Kolar Open golf

BENGALURU: A late flourish from Kshitij Naveed Kaul helped him win the ₹1 crore Kolar Open 2025 at the ZION Hills Golf County on Friday.

Kshitij (74-69-71-65), who was overnight fifth and six shots off the lead, carded a tournament low of seven-under 65 in the final round.

The Delhi golfer took his total to nine-under 279 and a two-shot victory.

Overnight leader Shaurya Bhattacharya (70-72-66-73) finished runner-up at seven-under 281,while Dhruv Sheoran (four-under 284) signed off in third place.

Amandeep Drall finishes on top

Amandeep Drall edged out Ananya Garg to win the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour 2025 Leg 12 at the Clover Greens course near here on Friday.

Amandeep, who played at the Hills Open in Sweden and then rushed to India in time for this event in Hosur, carded a one-under 71 final round to total two-under 214.

Ananya held a one-shot lead with two holes to go.

However, Ananya bogeyed the 17th and then dropped a double bogey on the tricky par-3 closing 18th to finish two strokes behind the champion.

Anvitha Narender and Ridhima Dilawari finished tied third at two-over 218.

Amandeep.

LIVE TELECAST

Hockey: Men's Asia Cup, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 & 3 p.m.

Bangladesh vs. Netherlands: 1st T20I, FanCode, 5.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.

Formula One: Dutch GP (Qualifying) F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 6.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.onwards

US Open: SS Select 1, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8.30 p.m.

First leg of men's HIL to kick off in Chennai in January first week

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

The first leg of the Men's Hockey India League (HIL) will be held in Chennai in the first week of January 2026 (either on third or fourth), followed by the second leg in Ranchi.

The final will be played on February 1 in Bhubaneswar.

The Women's HIL is likely to begin in the second week of January with the league matches in Bhubaneswar. The final slated in Ranchi on January 30.

The men's HIL will have an IPL-like play-off with Qualifier and Eliminator.

A mini-auction for men is likely to be held on Sept. 23 and 24 and it is reliably learnt that all the franchises are expected to retain a majority of their players.

The last time a hockey league was held in Chennai was way back in 2012 when the then IHF and Nimbus conducted World Series Hockey.

"We are conducting HIL after the Junior World Cup (from Nov. 28 to Dec. 10) in Chennai and Madurai. So, hockey fever will continue to rise," Sekar J. Manoharan, treasurer, Hockey India, and president, Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu told *The Hindu*.

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Champions League draw throws up some blockbuster clashes

FOOTBALL

Associated Press
MONACO

Champions League holder PSG will play Bayern Munich and Barcelona in this season's league phase while record 15-time winner Real Madrid will face Manchester City and Liverpool after Thursday's draw set up some blockbuster encounters.

PSG will also meet Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United along with Atalanta and Bayer Leverkusen in the new league format which started last season, where each club plays eight games – four at home and four away

Real will play City again for a fifth consecutive season and make a trip to Liverpool in what will be a homecoming for Trent Alexander-Arnold, the English full-back who left Anfield to join the Spanish giant in the close season.

The Premier League has the most representatives with six clubs after last season's top five – Liverpool, Arsenal, City, Chelsea and Newcastle – qualified along with Europa League winner Tottenham.

The league phase gets underway with the 36 teams playing on eight matchdays between September 16 and January 28. The knockout phase begins in February while the final will be played on May 30 in Budapest.

Key fixtures: PSG: Bayern (h), Barcelona (a), Atalanta (h), Bayer Leverkusen (a), Tottenham (h), Sporting Lisbon (a), Newcastle (h), Athletic Bilbao (a).
Real: City (h), Liverpool (a), Juventus (h), Benfica (a), Marseille (h), Olympiakos (a), Monaco (h), Kairat Almaty (a).
City: Dortmund (h), Real (a), Leverkusen (h), Villarreal (a), Napoli (h), Bodo/Glimt (a), Galatasaray (h), Monaco (a).
Bayern: Chelsea (h), PSG (a), Club Brugge (h), Arsenal (a), Sporting Lisbon (h), PSV Eindhoven (a), Union Saint-Gilloise (h), Pafos (a).
Liverpool: Real (h), Inter (a), Atletico (h), Eintracht Frankfurt (a), PSV (h), Marseille (a), Qarabag (h), Galatasaray (a).
Chelsea: Barcelona (h), Bayern (a), Benfica (h), Atalanta (a), Ajax (h), Napoli (a), Pafos (h), Qarabag (a).
Barcelona: PSG (h), Chelsea (a), Frankfurt (h), Brugge (a), Olympiakos (h), Slavia Prague (a), FC Copenhagen (h), Newcastle (a).
Arsenal: Bayern (h), Inter (a), Atletico (h), Brugge (a), Olympiakos (h), Slavia Prague (a), Kairat Almaty (h), Bilbao (a).
Tottenham: Dortmund (h), PSG (a), Villarreal (h), Frankfurt (a), Slavia Prague (h), Bodo/Glimt (a), FC Copenhagen (h), Monaco (a).
Dortmund: Inter (h), City (a), Villarreal (h), Juventus (a), Bodo/Glimt (h), Tottenham (a), Bilbao (h), FC Copenhagen (a).

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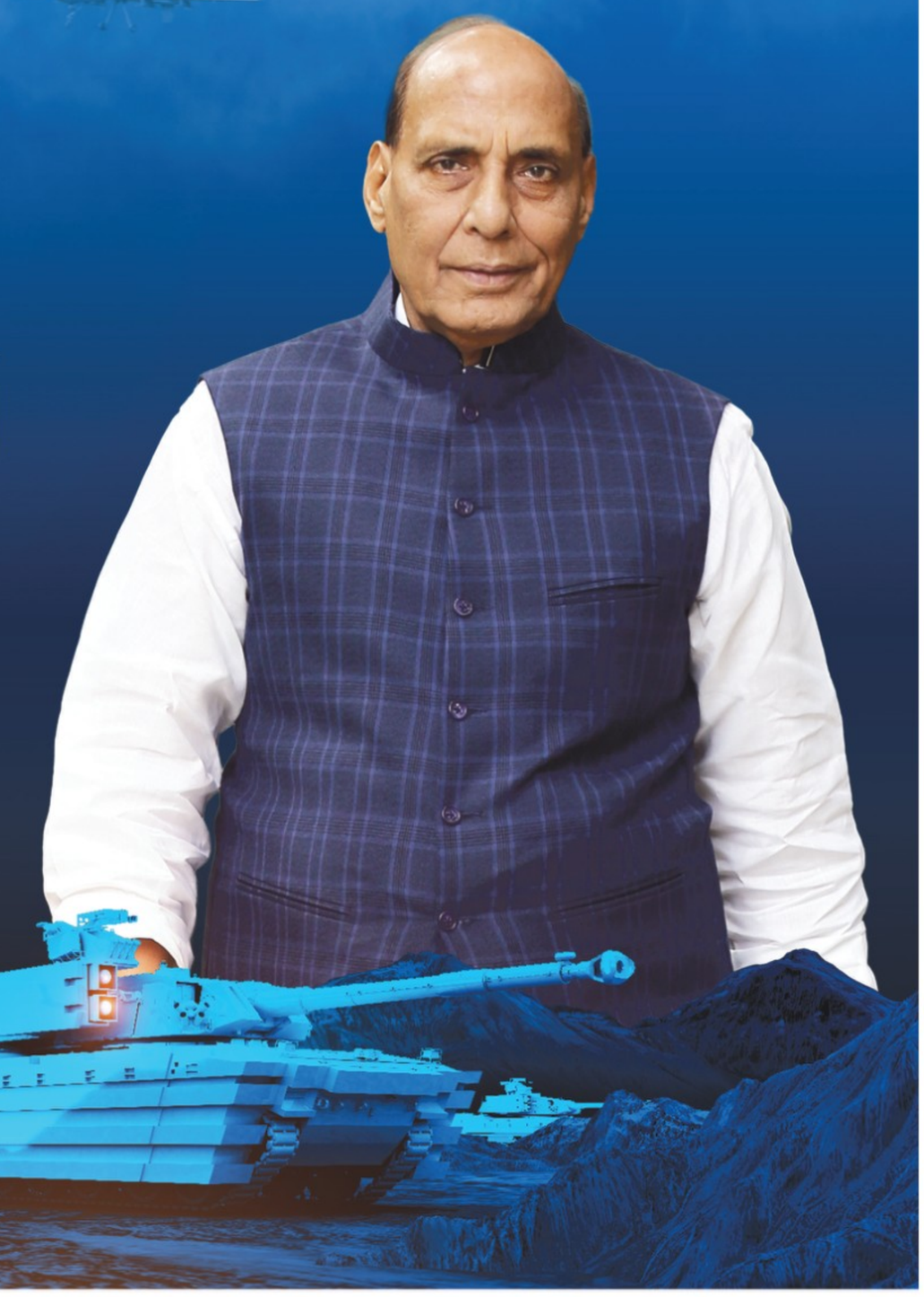

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